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SUMMARY.

The representatives of the Balkan Allies met yesterday to consider the situation.

Before presenting their Note they will await the Porte's reply to the joint Note of the Powers.

The Turkish cruiser Medjideh escaped from the Dardanelles, and bombarded a Greek fort.

She then sailed in the direction of Asia Minor.

Mr. Balfour moved an amendment for the rejection of the Home Rule Bill.

He contended that the bill gave Ireland too great rights for Great Britain's fiscal interests.

The Premier replied that, were the bill rejected, the demand for Home Rule would be undiminished.

On entering the House Mr. Balfour was cheered both by Liberals and Unionists.

An interview was granted by King Alfonso to Senor Azcarate, the Republican leader.

The latter subsequently said the King favoured the extension of the franchise, religious toleration, and many other liberal proposals.

Mr. E. R. Mayne's complaints as to the umpiring in the recent tour of the Australian XI. are being attacked.

He declares, however, that he said only what he saw. Mr. Crouch's report does not refer to the umpiring.

The "Pall Mall Gazette's" Australian correspondent says Australia's reputation is lower than at any time since 1893.

Tenders for the Queensland £2,000,000 loan have been closed.

The underwriters anticipate that they will receive a large proportion.

A painting by Raphael, lost for 100 years, has been found in the house of an Italian nobleman.

It was smuggled to London, and is being guarded at the Hotel Cecil by four detectives.

A human skeleton was found at a house in Poole, whose owner recently died.

It was surmised that it was that of his son, who had been missing since 1905.

At an inquest, however, the jury returned an open verdict, despite interesting evidence.

The Liberals are forging ahead at Blayney owing to the last week's strenuous campaigning.

It is now generally felt that Mr. Withington's position is safe.

Mr. Wood delivered a vigorous address at Trunkey Creek, where votes are divided fairly evenly.

Mr. M'Cauley spoke on behalf of Mr. Becby at a meeting at George's Plains held by Mr. Cohen.

He pronounced himself in favour of the abolition of the party system, and denounced the behaviour of Mr. Willis.

Mr. Beeby was delayed for two hours between Ryde and Taranna by his motor car breaking down.

Mr. Nielsen's resignation was much commented on in Liberal circles yesterday.

Mr. Willis, who is in Wellington (N.Z.), states that he has received the resignation.

A meeting of citizens was held at the Town Hall yesterday regarding Lord Chelmsford's approaching departure.

Consideration was given to the best means of tendering him a public farewell.

It was decided to entertain him at a citizens' banquet in the Town Hall on Friday, March 7.

Mr. Cann, State Treasurer, replied yesterday to the Water and Sewerage Board's complaints regarding the estimates.

He accused the board of spending its Government supplies too rapidly.

The Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association held a meeting yesterday morning.

It was decided to accept Mr. Carmichael's invitation for a meeting, but no date is yet fixed.

A delegate meeting of the Illawarra Colliery Employees' Association was held at Wollongong yesterday.

Mr. Carmichael is to be invited to attend an aggregate meeting to-morrow.

Appreciation of the "Herald's" attitude in the Russell case was expressed in a motion.

Mr. Carmichael regards the outlook as by means hopeless.

The funeral of the late Mr. Harold Walter Fairfax at Rookwood yesterday was largely attended.

The Rev. Professor Macintyre, assisted by the Rev. R. B. Reynolds, conducted the service.

An official inquiry has been held regarding the recent suicide, due to overwork, of Staffsergeant Mead.

Evidence shows that the entire facilities for the carrying out of the department's work were inadequate.

The clerical staff is not only short-handed, but compelled to work with inadequate and obsolete material.

A Young Australian League is to be formed in Sydney on the lines of the Western Australian League.

The object is to organise interstate and international tours for Australian boys.

The keel of the cruiser Brisbane will be laid at Cockatoo Island on January 23.

As she is the first Australian warship, the occasion will mark an epoch in Australian naval history.

While two residents of Warga were endeavouring to locate a fire their own house took fire.

The premises were partly destroyed before the flames could be extinguished.

Mr. Thomas has received from Sir George Reid particulars of the improvements in the Commonwealth offices in London.

The rental value of the premises will be increased about £1000 a year by the alterations.

Arrangements for the laying of the Port Augusta-Kalgoorlie railway line are rapidly proceeding.

Mr. Deane, consulting engineer, says the first consignment of Lithgow rails will be delivered this month.

Thirty-six thousand tons of rails are also being made in America, and will arrive next month.

An unpleasant misadventure occurred to a Russian barque on Wednesday while being towed through the "Rip" in Port Phillip.

The tow-line broke while the vessel was in the centre of the fairway, where a rough sea was running.

Without delay, however, a new line was attached, and all possible danger removed.

A further stage in the Tavitini-Nera shipping case was reached in the Equity Court yesterday.

An appeal against the decision of the Full Court by the Union Company was unopposed.

Damages to the extent of £80,000 are claimed by the owners of the Tavitini against the Messageries Company.

Exceptionally heavy rainfalls are reported from the southern districts of Queensland.

A satisfactory amount of business was done in Change yesterday at irregular rates.

Egg values were again weaker in Sussex-street yesterday, the quality of Northern River eggs being highly unsatisfactory.

The spot value of butter was unchanged at 9½ per cwt for leading brands.

Bran and pollard was unprocurable. Potatoes were in steady demand at unaltered rates.

Upwards of 54,360 sheep were listed at Homebush yesterday, and about 52,000 were penned.

Buyers were in full attendance, and sales showed moderate competition at recent rates.

A fair supply of lambs and a large quantity of cattle were also submitted.

The mining market yesterday entirely recovered from its panic, caused by the drop in copper, on Wednesday.

This was due to reassuring messages from London. Prices for copper soon showed a hardening tendency.

Forecast.—Warm to hot and sultry generally; scattered thunderstorms over eastern districts, but chiefly in the N.E.; easterly winds.

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(1) Phonolist Violina—"ORPHEUS OVERTURE" ..... Offenbach
(2) Violin Solo—"ROMANCE" ..... D'Ambrosio
(3) Phonolist—"BALLET MUSIC" (Faust) ..... Gounod
(4) Violin Solo—"BARCAROLLE" ..... Spohr
(5) Phonolist Violina—"CHANT D'AMOUR" ..... Drdla
(6) Selection (Violin)—"MADAME BUTTERFLY" ..... Puccini
(7) Phonolist—"POLONAISE A PLAT" ..... Chopin
(8) Violin (a)—ENTRACTE" (Les Erinyes) ..... Soli (b) "INVOCATION" ..... Massenet
(9) Violin (a)—"ALS DIE ALTE MUTTER" ..... Soli (b)—"HUMORESQUE" ..... Dvorak
(10) Phonolist Violina—"DIE MEISTERSINGER" ..... Wagner

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OMRAH		Layton	Feb. 1	Feb. 5	Feb. 7
*ORVIETO	12,130	Sheldon	Feb. 12	Feb. 16	Feb. 21
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*OSTERLEY	12,129	Jenkins	Mar. 26	April 9	April 4
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18.

SIX EVENTS. 146 ENTRIES.
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EGGS, BUTTER, HONEY, etc., at 1.30 p.m. sharp.
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POULTRY, BIRDS, GAME, etc., at 2.15 p.m. sharp.
PRODUCE SALES will be held TO-DAY as under:—
SHEEPSKINS, at 10 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.;
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THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
AT 2 P.M.

80 HEAD. 80

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On account of Mr. CHAS. GLIDDEN, Carlingford.
Bay Van Gelding, broken in.

On account of Mr. A. APPS,
4 Draught Horses, from Maitland, all good, stanch workers.

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On account of Mr. F. BRYANT,
Black Gelding, 6 years, thoroughly broken to harness, and very reliable.

On account of Mr. W. S. DALE, Glenorie,
Roan Colt, 4 years, broken to lead, suit business cart, or make a good buggy horse.

On account of Mr. S. BELL,
Ches. D. Gelding, 5 years, broken in.

On account of Mr. S. BALIGH,
Grey Pony Mare, 14.2, broken to saddle and harness.

On account of CAMDEN PARK ESTATE, LTD.,
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On account of Mr. THOS. SMITH.
Black A. D. Gelding, broken in.

On account Mr. J. GOODWIN.
Bay Gelding, suit baker or grocer's cart.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11.30 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, especially advertised. Tel., 1321.

BRICK WAGGON TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. THOMPSON to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Brown H. D. Stallion, 5 years, Black H. D. Gelding, both thoroughly staunch, and good workers.
Brick Waggon, by T. Hoskins, and set Pole Harness.

R. T. DOGGART LOT, ALSO SULKY AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Grown Colt, Gelding, thoroughly broken and quiet in S. and D. Harness, stylish R. T. Dogcart, in perfect order, and Harness; also a good Well-built R.S. Sulky and Harness.

SQUARE VAN TURNOUT, SUPERIOR SULKY LOT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. WARNE to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Brown Act. Van Mare, good worker, Square Van and set Harness, first-class lot; also Bay S. Gelding, 4 years, Sydney Sulky, in best of order, and set R. and D. Harness.

SEAT PONY SULKY

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PONY, SULKY, AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from J. LOWE to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Handsome Black Pony Gelding, good in both saddle and harness, neat stylish Sulky and Harness.

2 SPRING CART HORSES AND BROWN PONY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
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Bay Mare, good, useful sort, suit business cart, thoroughly reliable.

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Chestnut Gelding, 16.1 high, broken to saddle, S. and D. Harness; also Bay Gelding, excellent Harness Horse, good stylish mover.

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Bay Gelding, 8 yrs., broken Saddle and Harness, quiet and reliable in both.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. BANNERMAN to sell, by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY,

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CHAPTER VIII.—Continued.

"You have done your utmost to uphold and defend King Philip," he continued; "let me show you that you fought in a poor cause. His people, high and low, except a few recipients of his special favours, hated him; his rule was tyranny; his treatment of Princess Suzanne a scandal; moreover, he had no right whatever to the power he wielded, and was a usurper on the throne of Saxe-Oldenburg. For long past many have come to Varna for protection, and even here in Dravstadt I have had more friends than the King. The constant plots against him are my warranty for saying so. He has incensed the European Powers against him, and over and over again they have urged me to interfere, promising me their support. In such support there is always a danger, in the long run it may seriously menace the full independence of a State; so it has pleased me to choose my own time for interfering, and I have used my own methods. That is the explanation of the rebellion, and the reason for the manner of it."

Still I remained silent.

"Naturally, I have many enemies yet to deal with," he said after a pause. "I may put them to fire and the sword, but such measures do not make for lasting peace. I would first make an attempt to turn such enemies into friends. So I come to the proposition I spoke of. I ask for your friendship."

"And the conditions?" I said.

"There are none. I am not making a bargain, nor offering a bribe. If you elect to swear allegiance to me, I shall trust you to keep your oath; if not—need I put the alternative into words?"

"A convenient hook on the west tower," I said.

"I had not settled where it should be," he answered.

"Naming no conditions, you drive me to make my choice in the dark."

"Is it not something that you are given the opportunity to choose at all?"

"It is, and for that I thank you; but there is a rough sense of honour in me and I am perplexed. It may be that my honest road lies to that hook, wherever it may be."

"That is for you to judge," the Count answered, "but remember it may happen that I have a sense of honour, too."

"Do you not plead with him too much, sir?" said one who stood behind him. "It seems to me he treats your clemency so lightly that he may well be allowed to dangle his honour from the west tower as he suggests."

I knew nothing of this man except that I had often seen him beside King Philip's chair. He had few scruples, evidently, and at least half of that assembly supported his view of the matter.

"Peace, peace," said the Count. "We must not judge all men alike, and Englishmen are always difficult to deal with."

"How long have I to make my choice?" I asked.

The Count took up a paper from the table. "I have this to read, Trooper Heselton, your answer must be ready by the time I have finished it. I cannot wait upon a man's whims and fancies. I see advantage to myself in your allegiance, great advantage than I should obtain by hanging you. With your help I may turn other enemies into friends, without it I may find that certain dangers can only be averted by the sword. There are the facts. I am no philanthropist."

After a prolonged residence in Dravstadt, cant and hypocrisy were likely to become the substitutes for sentiment and honour. The easiest road was the one to travel, and few took any trouble to excuse themselves for taking it. There was no necessity since they only acted as their fellows did. I had travelled that same road many times, sometimes caring not at all, sometimes after a little bout with a conscience which showed curious vitality on occasion. Judged by some standards, I was a poor specimen, but at least there had been moments when I had reached upward towards a higher plane, and in consequence had become somewhat of an enigma to my fellows. Perhaps I may quote O'Connell's warning not to let honour stiffen my back too much as a proof of this. To be hanged is no pleasant death, and the value of dangling as a deterrent to others makes small appeal to the victim; yet, I claim that something more than self-interest prompted my choice now. The Count suggested that by living I might save others, said it to gain his own ends probably, but I thought of the lady in gray and the Princess. At least I could live to strike a blow in their defence, for now that the kingdom had been won by rebellion, the position of the Princess, and all those who served her, must be a doubtful one. If the Count had no desire for the marriage which King Philip had arranged, then Princess Suzanne must be a menace to his peace as long as she lived.

The Count finished reading and looked at me.

"I will take an oath of allegiance," I said.

Without comment the Count struck a gong, but he could not conceal his satisfaction at my decision. Many of those about him smiled contemptuously. I had chosen life rather than death as they expected, as they would have done themselves, but they were evidently disappointed that my vaunted sense of honour had not been the means of getting rid of me. Still, no one ventured to give the Count any further advice in the matter.

In answer to the gong there entered from another room, where he had evidently been awaiting the summons, Father Anthony. The sight of him made me wonder whether I had chosen aright. Our eyes met, and I can swear there was no friendliness in mine; in his steady gaze there was something compelling, something to suggest that he wished me to understand that he was not my enemy.

"I have turned one enemy into a friend, Father," said the Count.

"Sir, you are to be much congratulated." I felt it was the priest's intention to flatter me, for his eyes were still fixed on me. I knew full well the subtlety of this man, and distrusted him not a whit less than I had done heretofore. He, too, believed he could make use of me, and I thought it extremely unlikely that his aims and the Count's would be the same. I found some security for myself in the thought; I might perpetually play one against the other with advantage.

The oath I was required to take was recited by Father Anthony, and was sufficiently binding. I took it and knelt to my sovereign, for king he was, although yet uncrowned, and, as I found a little later, no proclamation had yet been issued. I suppose he considered it diplomatic not to assume the royal title too hastily, and by his own wish he was still addressed as Count of Varna.

As I rose he turned to a man beside him, who produced a sword in its scabbard.

"It is your own," said the Count, taking it and handing it to me. "Save that it has been thrust into its scabbard, it is as it fell from your hand that night. I rejoice to give it back to you, and I know how mighty a weapon will be drawn on my behalf should occasion arise."

The audience was at an end, but the Count bid me remain. Everyone withdrew, the doors were closed, and the Count and I were alone.

"Are you content?" he asked.

"I should be basely ungrateful to complain," I answered. "I am still perplexed, but you, indeed, prove yourself a generous enemy."

"A friend," he answered, "and it is the nature of friends to stand by each other, to help each other. You have many enemies, Heselton, you must have realised that just now. I did not exaggerate their attitude. From them I have rescued you. So far you are in my debt, but the burden may easily be shifted. I have many enemies, too; some of them were in this room a moment ago. It has served their purpose to support me, but my will and theirs even now approach the clashing point, and then—then I shall want beside me men I can trust. I would make no bargain with you before them, but for the man I trust there is a clear road to the highest honour. I said I had need of you, I meant it; and forthwith I give you a power in the State. I look into a man's face and judge him; it is not the oath he may take that I trust in, but it is in the man himself; and when I trust I trust wholly."

"I accept the trust in the same spirit in which it is given," I answered.

"Spoken as I would wish and as I expected."

"What is the special trust?" I asked.

"Come and see."

It had been late in the afternoon when I had gone to this audience, the room had been growing dark for some time, and lights were in the corridors as the Count and I passed out together. Many men were waiting, talking together in small groups, expecting the coming of the Count. They evidently knew what was to happen, but I noted they were chiefly men of Varna. As we passed they fell in behind us.

We came to the open doorway, which, by a flight of steps, with stone balusters, led down to the great courtyard. Lights were dancing in the fast-coming night, and the wide space was filled with men of the Guard, some mounted, some standing beside their horses. The confusion of voices fell to silence as we came on to the steps and stood there; only the champing of a bit here and there broke the stillness.

"Gentlemen of the Guard."

A shout of loyalty greeted the Count's words.

"Gentlemen of the Guard, I have known you as gallant foes, I know you now as stanch friends. The peace of this State rests much in your hands, so I have no fear. I am proud to be your chief, and should war threaten us in the days to come, I could wish to ride in no better company. But to be your head, to lead you always, is not possible for me, so in my stead I give you a tried soldier, one I trust, one who is well known to you—Captain Heselton. Gentlemen, I ask your welcome for the Captain of the Guard."

CHAPTER IX.
ON THE ROAD TO SYERE.

The answering roar of welcome was enough to stagger any man; certainly I had never supposed myself so great a favourite with my comrades. I caught sight of O'Connell; his stentorian voice shouted "Captain" just with a will. I drew my sword and saluted the Count, then turned and saluted my comrades. Immediately every sword leapt from its scabbard with a wild ring, which echoed away into the night, and must have been heard far over the city.

"Such a welcome should please Captain Heselton," said the Count.

"It is unexpected."

"Yet merited," he answered, "and have I not promptly given you a proof of my faith? Your first duty should be no great hardship. To-night you will escort the Princess Suzanne to the Castle of Syere."

"Back to Syere!" I exclaimed.

He thought it a question of surprise; partly it was, but it had a note of joy in it, too. The maid of honour who had come with the Princess to Dravstadt would surely return with her to Syere. I should see my lady to-night.

The Count touched my arm and glanced sharply behind him as he gently drew me down the steps.

"It is for her own safety," he said in a low tone. "For the present Dravstadt is no secure place for her, and at Syere a strict guard must be kept for her protection. For a little while you and the escort will remain there."

"Is she a prisoner?" I asked.

"Prisoner! No. Syere is a place of refuge. I am giving into your care one who is dear to me, Captain Heselton. Need I say more?"

"I shall shield her with my life," I said.

"For the moment this marriage is impossible," he went on; "there are too many factions to struggle with, but presently—is love killed by a little delay?"

"Never," I said, perhaps with rather more enthusiasm than I was aware of.

"Ah! We are friends in this also. Tell me, Captain Heselton, what kind of serving maid is she who wears such dainty foot gear?"

"To me, a queen; what she may be to the world I care not."

"There is the true ring in such an answer," he said. "We should have fared well, you and I, as brothers in arms, knights-errant, finding romance, and a maid to be won in the country of our wanderings. That would have been a good life, but we have to take the world as it is.

"And are not ill-content," I suggested.

He laughed spontaneously as a boy might.

"Why, no; you hit the truth; and, touching this maid of yours, however humble she may be, it is not impossible to make her a worthy mate for the Captain of the Guard. So much a king can do. We shall see to it, Captain Heselton."

(To be continued.)

HARBOUR COLLISION.

APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL.

BIG DAMAGES CLAIMED.

Another stage in the litigation between two well-known shipping companies, having reference to the Taviuni-Nera collision in Sydney Harbour, was reached yesterday, in the Equity Court, before Mr. Justice Simpson, the Chief Judge in Equity.

Mr. Frank Coen, instructed by Messrs. Creagh and Creagh, appeared in support of an application by the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand, for final leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the judgment of the Full Court, delivered on October 31 last.

Mr. C. Manning, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, appeared on behalf of the respondents, the Messageries Maritimes Company, and stated that he did not oppose the application.

The collision between the two boats occurred off Miller's Point on October 2, 1911, and the owners of each vessel brought suits in Admiralty against the other, the owners of the island boat, the Taviuni, claiming £30,000 damages. The Taviuni was sunk with a cargo of copra, and the Nera was also considerably damaged, the French company claiming several thousand pounds damages. The two suits were consolidated, and, after a lengthy hearing, Mr. Justice Street found that the French mail steamer was solely to blame for the collision. The owners of the French boat then appealed to the State Supreme Court, and the Full Court reversed the finding of Mr. Justice Street, holding that the Taviuni was at fault. In the hearing before the State Full Court, great stress was laid in the argument on a photo taken from the wharf just about the time of the collision. Against this judgment the Union Company is now appealing.

Questions of law only are involved in the present appeal, as to which steamer was in fault, and the question of damages remains to be determined after the appeal to the Full Court has been adjudicated upon.

COASTAL SHIPPING.

A CONCILIATORY SPIRIT.

PARTIES CONFER.

The Shipping Wages Board sat yesterday afternoon in connection with the application by the New South Wales Coastal Steamship Owners' Association for the settlement of certain matters concerning wages and conditions of employment of masters and officers, and a reference by the Minister for Labour. Mr. H. E. Manning presided. Mr. R. A. Bell (managing director of the North Coast Steam Navigation Company) represented the owners; and Captain R. R. Bradley (president of the Merchant Service Guild) represented the employees.

Inspector Kirby appeared for the Minister; Captain W. G. Lawrence for the Guild; and Mr. Kelynack instructed by Messrs. E. S. Dunhill and H. de Y. Scroggie) for the New South Wales Coastal Steamship Owners' Association.

Mr. Kelynack said that since the adjournment an endeavour had been made to still further reduce the points of difference. That morning a consultation had been held. His clients held that the powers of the chamber to confer with the members of the board or others might be advantageously exercised at this stage without going into a lot of evidence, because his clients wished to make a proposition—he need not mention it just then—which was in the direction of the wishes of the Guild.

The chairman said the indications had been that there was a possibility of a large proportion of the matters in dispute being settled. It occurred to him at the time that if they added to their membership to some extent they might be able to take some further steps. Mr. Kelynack's suggestion appealed very strongly to him. It was still more likely that a great portion of the claim might be settled by reason of the fact that both parties were inclined to be conciliatory. In fact, both parties were anxious, if possible, to have the matter settled amicably.

Mr. Kelynack said that a conference would enable proceedings to be shortened. Whatever the result of the conference, the evidence must be confined to a few points.

Captain Lawrence said that if a settlement could be reached by conciliatory means it would be very much better than a formal award as a result of evidence. The Guild was really defending a set of conditions that already existed. The great part of the dispute in this State had been settled by conference previously, though not formally ratified.

Considering the interests involved, proceeded the chairman, it was really their duty to hold the conference.

Mr. Kelynack said his clients would cordially welcome a conciliatory spirit.

Replying to Mr. Bradley, Mr. Kelynack said that there were three or four points still in dispute, but some might be eliminated in conference. They had done, and would continue to accede to the reasonable claims wherever they could see their way.

The conference then proceeded, and the board adjourned until 10.30 a.m. to-day.

LECTURE ON ELOCUTION.

Mr. J. A. Hogue presided at a meeting in St. James's Hall last evening, when Mr. Walter Bentley gave a lecture on elocution. The lecturer gave humorous illustrations of the many who "just open their mouths and fire away," emphasising the fact that people were required to say something which would be of use to those addressed. In this respect he thought politicians and lawyers might be excepted. The delivery of clergymen and University professors came in for strong criticism. "Sentiment and sympathy in the human voice," declared Mr. Bentley, "were essential for correct speech."

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LAW REPORT.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson, the Chief Judge.)

LEATHER COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.

An application was made for an interim injunction to restrain Franklin Russo Kron from interfering with the business of the Commercial Leather Process Company, Ltd., Macquarie-place, until the hearing of a suit brought by Henry Fisher.

Mr. N. Pitcher, instructed by Mr. F. G. Clark, appeared in support of the application.

It was stated that plaintiff was a merchant, and liquidator of the company, the assets of which had been seized by the mortgagees, Messrs. F. W. Bacon and Joseph Earle Hermann, who appointed the plaintiff to hold the same on their behalf. As liquidator he gave the defendant Kron notice that his services as manager had terminated, but the defendant ignored the notice and continued to act as manager.

His Honor granted an interim injunction till next Thursday, costs to be costs in the cause.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

Esaias Jacobus Meyer, share farmer, Boggabri. Mr. C. Lloyd, official assignee.

William Noble, seedsman, of Kendall-street, Cowra. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

SUPREME COURT.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—The king v Southers and Surridge, ex parte John Bennett, 11 a.m. before the Deputy Prothonotary.—Ferguson v Mackinnon, 10.30 a.m.

In Equity.—His Honor the Chief Judge in Equity will sit at 10 a.m. at Chancery-square, for the purpose of hearing any matters, etc., which may be brought before him. Before the Deputy Registrar. At 10.45 a.m.: McLeod v McLeod, to settle minutes of order. At 11 a.m.: Minister for Lands and Hamilton, to tax costs. At 12 noon: Re Good West and C. and L. s. 7c. Act, to fix reserves. At 12.15 p.m.: Bondi Picture Gardens, Ltd., and Companies Act, to settle minutes of order.

Note.—Mr. Justice Simpson will take common law matters at Equity Court, Chancery-square, at 10 a.m.

Probate Jurisdiction. The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office: 10.30, J. H. Haberecht; 10.45, Letitia Logue; 11.15, David Dillon; 12, Isah Jackson; 12.45, Charles Bailey.

In Lunacy.—Before the Chief Clerk, at 10 a.m.: Re an insane patient, for direction.

COURT OF INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION.

Supreme Court House, King-street.—Before his Honor Mr. Justice Ferguson.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing: Reference by Minister under section 34 (4), re James Russell.

POLICE COURTS.

A SYSTEMATIC SHOP-LIFTER.

SIX MONTHS' SENTENCE.

At the Central Court yesterday Annie Dowling was charged with stealing from Mark Foy's establishment a lace tunic, valued at 6s 6d. She was further charged with having goods in her possession reasonably supposed to have been stolen. The overseer at Foys' said he had been watching the woman, who had been standing at a table covered with ladies' wearing apparel. As she left the table he followed her. An examination of her bag showed that it contained a black lace tunic. Dowling admitted that she had taken this from one of the shop tables.

Sergeant Mankey said that the woman had been previously before the Court, and that she was a systematic shop-lifter.

On the first charge Dowling was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and on the second a fine of £5 or three months, concurrent with the other term, was imposed.

AGAIN REMANDED.

Christopher Joseph Ward, 28, town clerk of Vaucluse for the past two years, was again before the Water Police Court yesterday on a charge of misappropriating three cheques, amounting to £65 10s 4d. A remand was again applied for by the defence, and Mr. Paxten, S.M., remanded accused for a week. Bail was fixed at £150.

WANTED HIS DISCHARGE.

James Cobb, 32, a butcher, employed on the steamer Anchises, was before Mr. Paxten, S.M., at the Water Police Court yesterday charged with wilfully disobeying three of his officers. The chief steward of the vessel said Cobb had been on the steamer for two voyages, and was a good workman except when he had been ashore and got under the influence of liquor. He said Cobb returned on board drunk on Tuesday last and challenged him to fight. Witness had to strike Cobb in self-defence, as accused tried to throttle one man and tried to push another overboard. On the Wednesday Cobb refused to work, and demanded his discharge, which would be given him if he asked for it properly. Accused was sentenced to eight weeks' imprisonment.

CONSTABLE ASSAULTED WITH BRICK.

At the Burwood Police Court on Thursday, before Mr. E. L. Maitland, S.M., William Murphy, 30, was charged with unlawfully assaulting on the 10th inst. Constable Andrew Travers, whilst the latter was on duty at Homebush. The evidence showed that when the constable's back was turned Murphy threw a brick, injuring him severely on one leg. The magistrate sentenced Murphy to six months' imprisonment.

ARCHBISHOP KELLY AND MR. PROCTOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your courteous editorial note you imply that there is one limit at least to the freedom allowed to correspondents whose language may be unparliamentary. You do not, of course, impute to me any silly attack on the liberty of the press; indeed, such an imputation would not be justified in the mind of any cool-headed reader of common-sense or ordinary kindly feeling. In answer—a final answer to your note—I venture to restate my position, in order that there may be no mistake as to what I said and did not say. I expressed my astonishment that you, Sir, who have given such distinguished proofs of high class modern journalism, in your appreciations of the life-principles of Mr. Justice O'Connor and the Hon. John Hughes, should allow attacks of an irrelevant and wildly miscellaneous animosity to be made against our Archbishop's principles, supported by such men, and incidentally against the Christian communion which he represents. These attacks appear in your columns by way of reply to the demand of our Catholic people, voiced by their chosen leader, in favour of fair treatment for denominational education, so far as that education meets the requirements of the Board of Education. But these attacks are really no reply. As I accused others of mud-slinging, I wish to avoid the mud myself, without flinging back any mud myself. That is one reason why I prefer to insist on the practice of high-class modern journals, which do not allow correspondents, for instance, in England, to use pounds of mud made up of such variously assorted ingredients as "the massacre of the cream of the French people" by the infamous Catherine of Medici, the responsibility of the Christian Church in France for the horrors of the French Revolution, the responsibility of the same Church for anarchism at Barcelona, the good Bishop's warning to a Canadian paper (such warnings as our Archbishop is, I suppose, giving you now and then to make you tremble), and ever so many other mud items, including, no doubt, sooner or later, clever Jesuitry as well as stupid papist neglect of history in schools.

Now, I do not ask you, as editor of a high-class journal to imperil liberty of the press. God forbid! If Catholics—I speak of the Catholic laity—had liberty of the press at the present moment in Portugal, as in Belgium and England, they would have a fair chance in a good stand-up fight against the powers of secularism and irreligion. But I do ask you to consider the irrelevancy and offensiveness of Mr. Proctor's methods—irrelevant and offensive in the eyes of Australian Catholics and their many friends.

Allow me to point out that this fight for the freedom of education is not being waged in one small corner of the earth. Happy Belgium has solved her problem. England knows its denominational question, and that question is not limited to the Catholic body. There are other Christian denominations besides the Catholic one. My point is: High-class journals there do not allow this great issue to be for ever muddled up with offensive and far-fetched attacks of this kind. Anglicans stand side by side with Catholics in defence of denominationalism. Conservatives with Home Rulers, many Liberals with many Labour unions, all in this cause, fair treatment for all schools, irrespective of religion as against the inherent evils of a secular system. What on earth has this great Christian question to do with the old, oft-refuted St. Bartholomew story, or with the anarchism of a Barcelona mob, except so far as such things may be used to stir angry feelings and confuse clearness of thought?

My duty is, I conceive, to express approval of the methods of good journalism, as your high duty is to present clear issues before the public mind, and to encourage good feeling among all true Australians. There are, I am told, three kinds of eggs stocked in election times, viz.: New-laid eggs, for the breakfast table of ordinary Christians, fresh eggs, safer to use in puddings only; and political eggs. The same is true of religious controversy, and many editors take care not to allow the use of the real old ver in their wholesome houses. I am, etc.,

R. J. LITTLE,
St. Ignatius' College, Riverview.

Jan. 16.

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TRADES AND LABOUR.

PRICE OF RABBITS.

TRAPPERS DISSATISFIED.

YOUNG, Thursday.

In consequence of the Rabbit Trappers' Union having received a notification that in future the price for rabbits is to be reduced at the local works, several conferences have been held during the last few days to consider the position. The prices paid hitherto were 7d per pair for large, and 2d for small. The works now propose to pay 6d for large and 1d for small. The rabbiters struck on Monday, and at the meeting of the union on Tuesday night the men agreed to accept the price offered for the large rabbits, pending a conference to be held in Sydney on January 27. The union has decided not to deal in the lower grade rabbits.

ELECTRICAL AMALGAMATION.

At a meeting of the Electrical Trades Union held at the Trades Hall on Wednesday night a communication was read from the Victorian branch of the Federated Electrical Trades' Union of Australia, inviting the New South Wales union to send a delegate to a conference to be held in Melbourne next month. It was stated that representatives from four States would be present, and that opportunity would be taken to draw up a Federal Constitution for the electrical trades throughout Australia. The meeting appointed the secretary, Mr. D. E. Black, as the representative for New South Wales.

The Victorian union is registered as a federal body, but the existing constitution is only a tentative arrangement. The new proposed constitution will be one intended for a practical federation, which will apply to well over 2000 members.

The State award in the electrical trades expires on June 15. Arrangements are now being made for the preparation of logs of claims for submission to two boards.

POWER-HOUSE EMPLOYEES.

The City Council's power-house at Pyrmont has grown to be a large concern, and the Electrical Trades Union is looking for what it claims to be justice for its members at the hands of the City Council. Recently three greasers were brought into the "house," and given electrical shift work at 10s per day. The electrical men in the service are very much concerned about this, and a good deal of unrest prevails. The secretary of the union, Mr. Black, has virtually been besieged during the last three or four days with requests that he should take immediate action. This he has done by writing to the engineer in charge. It is held that electrical positions ought to be the prerogative of electrical men. Section 6 of part three of the Electrical Trades (Municipal) Award provides for preference to members of this union, and, inasmuch as the wage offered (10s) is equal to the wage paid for electrical mechanics, many of whom are only casually employed, the feeling is that the positions should not be offered to workers of different classes. Mr. Black says arrangements are now being made for special meetings of the electrical workers in the employ of the council to protest against this supersedence.

UNITED STOREMEN.

Following the inclusion of warehouses in the award of the United Storemen's Union, there has been a big expansion of the membership. The secretary, Mr. T. Miller, reported at Wednesday night's meeting that 150 new members had joined, making the total well on towards 6000. Some thought that there should be a country organiser, but the meeting was in favour of the officials doing the work for the present.

It was reported that the conciliation committee, with Mr. A. H. Moore (Harrison, Jones, and Devlin) as chairman, had effected a settlement in connection with the wool award.

Mention was made that Mr. N. Seale, the chairman of the whole of the storemen's boards, had agreed to call a meeting of the Produce Stores Board almost at once. The main question to be considered will be that of wheat-lumping. The men at big country centres are threatening trouble. They are getting 1s an hour, whilst the men doing similar work at Sydney are being paid at the rate of 1s 6d.

Messrs. J. Sheridan and T. Miller were elected as the union's delegates to the P.L.L. conference.

LIQUOR TRADE EMPLOYEES.

The Federated Liquor Trade Employees' Union will shortly have a new agreement. This union, when Mr. F. F. Owens took up the secretaryship a little over 12 months ago, had a membership of 300; now it has 1100.

SEWER WORKERS.

DEPUTATION FROM NEWCASTLE.

Messrs. Grahame and Gardiner, M.s.J.A., were at the head of a deputation representing the Newcastle sewer workers to the Minister for Works yesterday. Their principal grievance was the dismissal of 40 odd men from the works. Mr. Griffith promised that the Director-General of Works (Mr. Davis) would be sent to Newcastle to investigate the matter.

WATCHMEN AND CARETAKERS.

The Watchmen, Caretakers, and Cleaners' Union has decided to apply to the Wages Board to have the county of Cumberland award extended so as to embrace, in addition to Northumberland, the districts of Newcastle and Maitland. The union elected office bearers, including the following:—President, M. Burke; vice-presidents, Messrs. Shaw and Young, and Mrs. Doohan; assistant secretary and organiser, Mr. Adshead; treasurer, Mr. M'Conville.

RAILWAY WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

Yesterday's sitting of the conference in connection with the Railway Workers and General Labourers' Association was devoted largely to a discussion on the dissatisfaction that exists among members in the Federal capital site area. It was alleged that the State industrial award was not fully observed, and that the prescribed rates were not being paid. It was decided to request the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr. King O'Malley, to appoint an independent tribunal, to have power to administer the award.

TROLLY, DRAYMEN, AND CARTERS.

About three months ago the Wages Board commenced taking evidence in respect to claims made by the Trolly, Draymen, and Carters' Union. The application was for the county of Cumberland. The taking of evidence was completed yesterday, a number of witnesses being examined. On Monday next the board will consider its award.

LABOUR COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

Further ballots were conducted last night in connection with the Labour Council elections. The following were completed:—Executive, Messrs. H. Connell (Moulders), D. Guihen (Trolly and Draymen), F. Glynn (Hospital and Asylum Employees), W. O'Neill (Boilermakers), R. Heath (Quarrymen), J. J. Talbot (Australian Workers' Union); trustees, Messrs. J. M'Donald (Bricklayers) and M. J. Reddy (Pressers).

RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY APPEALS BOARD.

Mr. E. D. Campbell, president of the Amalgamated Railway and Tramway Association, has been selected by that organisation to contest the position of employees' representative on the railways and tramways appeals board.

SUMMER COUGHS AND COLDS.

PEPS ARE THE THROAT'S SUREST SAFEGUARD.

Rapid weather changes are at all times fraught with personal danger, and they bring with them the sudden cold and chill, which, later, on, neglected, develops into consumption and other deadly lung-destroying diseases.

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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE VALUE OF THE RABBIT.

A correspondent wants our opinion as to whether the rabbit has been a financial benefit to Australia; whether the profits from the rabbit trade exceed the loss caused by its depredations? According to the writer, the question has been debated in his locality, but without reaching finality. Yet, to our mind it is a question that the slightest consideration will answer speedily, and to the effect that the rabbit has been a tremendous financial burden to the country, and it is hard to conceive a position being reached which would ever repay Australia for the introduction of the pest. It is quite true that a trade has grown up in connection with this animal, that it has provided a large number of men with profitable employment, and many people with a cheap article of food. The official figures for the export trade of Australia for 1910 show that the exports of frozen rabbits and hares amounted to £486,892, and skins to £566,739. The bulk of these exports would, of course, be rabbits. In addition, there is a certain quantity purchased and consumed locally. The figures are certainly large, but what a bagatelle the returns are when the other side of the account is studied! Unfortunately, it cannot be put in figures, nor would it ever be possible to complete the list, although certain items could be supplied that would reach an appalling figure. But anyone with an acquaintance with conditions inland, especially on the plains and in Riverina, can easily realise what the rabbit has cost Australia. In wire netting alone an enormous amount has been spent by the landowners to close in their properties when it was found that this was the only means that would successfully allow of the rabbit being kept in check. Thousands and thousands of miles of fences have been erected on stations and farms, and the netting alone cost £30 or more per mile. And this is still going on, for as the rabbit marches on towards the coast the expense is continued.

Yet, long before netting was erected, the rabbit has caused fortunes to be spent and lost. A typical instance comes to the writer's mind. When the rabbit was working in from the west over a quarter of a century ago a station had just been purchased in the Willcannia district. A progressive management came in and spent thousands of pounds in improvements. Then came the rabbits—and ruin with them. In this case it was a rich syndicate concerned, and it was understood that over £290,000 were spent on the property, which had to be finally sold for a song. These are losses that went on, and which can never be totalled. When more systematic steps were taken, and the poison carts and fumigators got to work, the annual amount spent in this State alone would, we are quite satisfied, more than equal any profit that is in the rabbit trade. One one property alone in the Albury district over £20,000 was spent in wire netting and digging out the paddocks before the rabbit was got rid of. And this was comparatively a small property when some of the large runs are considered. The extent of this annual fight can be realised when it is remembered what a large business has been done in making poison carts, selling poison, and so on. And this is going on, has been going on for years. It is all dead loss as far as the country is concerned. The whole business has given a great deal of employment. Men have been employed making wire netting, poison carts, fumigators, etc.; men have been employed handling them and working them. But it has not been a productive business. That is the point. A fire when it destroys a great building that must be replaced gives a number of men employment. It might be a fortunate thing for those particular individuals, but no one would argue that it would pay the country to burn down all its houses so that labour would be employed to replace them. Yet the rabbit trouble is on a similar footing. It is absolutely a burden on the back of the primary industries—it has to be paid for by those industries, and in itself is non-productive, and is simply an economical parasite. And every pound that is directed towards the eradication of the rabbit is a pound diverted from its proper profitable production.

Had the rabbit never appeared in Australia the enormous amount that has been spent in combating it, and is being spent, would, in the natural order of things, have been used for developing the country. By this time it would have probably doubled itself or more, and such a consummation must represent a sum besides which the rabbit export trade shrinks into insignificance. Then we must still endeavour to imagine—it is utterly impossible to arrive at the slightest definite idea of the total—what Australia, and particularly this State, has lost by the inroads upon its pastures by the millions of rabbits that have infested our paddocks. The carrying capacity of the country has been seriously affected; consequently we are producing less meat and wool than would be the case under normal conditions. Furthermore, the rabbit has greatly intensified the effects of a dry spell. The drought last year, for instance, was designated in many quarters a "rabbit drought," because the only men who managed to get through with little loss were those who had got their country clear of rabbits. Elsewhere the pest ate what there was to eat, and stock starved. If the total number of stock that has been lost in this country, owing to the rabbit devouring and polluting the former's food, could be computed, we believe it would be found that the total earnings of the rabbit trade up to date would not compensate for the financial loss involved. It is probably a fair estimate to say that the drought last year meant a loss in sheep, lambs, and wool of some £5,000,000, and we don't think it would be any exaggeration to consider that the presence of the rabbit intensified the effects of the drought to a degree that would at least represent a fifth of the damage done. Here, then, one loss alone amounts to more than the returns from the rabbit trade for that year. So it goes on and on, and the more the question is considered the more enormous grows the bill against the rabbit. No stretch of imagination could possibly conceive of its approaching the slightest resemblance to a financial profit as far as the country is concerned. Individuals have benefited, but the community has lost heavily. In addition to all this has to be remembered the great fact which we have repeatedly referred to—that the rabbit trade is a parasitical one, and must assume a different footing before it can be regarded in any way as an industry. When the rabbit returns the landowner that has to feed it a fair return—instead of impoverishing him—and still shows it can be handled with profit, then it may begin to repay what it has cost the landowners of this country and the community as a whole, by the manner it which it has restricted and decreased production and curtailed development.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

PROMOTION ACT APPLICATION.

52 FARMS PROVIDED

The Minister for Lands (Mr. J. L. Treflé) has approved of an application under the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, by which 52 settlers will be provided with home maintenance farms on the Mangoplah Estate, in the Wagga Wagga district. This Mr Treflé regards as the most important case dealt with to date under the provisions of the Promotion Act, as it will result in the establishment of an extensive farming community within reasonable distance of railway communication. It is situated about 22 miles southerly from Wagga Wagga, and from 6 to 16 miles easterly from The Rock and Yerong Creek railway stations, on the Great Southern railway. The average contract price agreed upon by the vendor and settlers was £8 per acre. After negotiation by the Advisory Board, the vendor was induced to reduce the price to £7 5s per acre. The Savings Bank Commissioners concurred in this valuation, and the Minister approved. The transaction will involve an expenditure of about £121,000 to acquire about 16,800 acres. The Mangoplah Estate has for some time been cultivated by share farmers. They were given preference in the application under the Promotion Act, and twenty have been provided for.

The land is all first-class wheat and oat land, suitable for grain or hay, and is also very good grazing country. Two-thirds of the area is cleared for the plough, and is for the greater part under cultivation, fallowing, and grass. About 8000 acres were under wheat during the season just closed, and it was recently estimated that the yield would average over 20 bushels per acre.

THE POLO PONY.

The increasing interest taken in polo in this country and the important connection the sport assumes in regard to horse-breeding, should make some extracts from an article by Mr. T. F. Dale, in the "Live Stock Journal, 1912," Eng., interesting. Mr. Dale writes:—

It is extremely interesting to study the modern polo ponies and to see how the development of the game has insensibly yet most effectually influenced the selection of breeders, so that each phase of the game has contributed some elements to the gradual evolution and perfection of the modern polo pony. In the first instance, and at the very beginning what the polo players of the seventies most desired was a certain sharpness in getting into its stride, a quickness in turning, and staunchness in riding or being ridden off. Early polo was a rough-and-tumble both for men and horses than it is at present. Rules existed only to be broken, where all were novices crossing was open and unreproved, while hustling to such an extent that a player was often bruised all down one side was fast as much part of riding as hitting the ball. Indeed, it might almost be said that the story of the growth of polo is that of the increase of the importance of the ball.

In our day we think more of hitting the ball, of hitting it in the right direction, than of anything else. I can recollect the time when it was almost as important to hinder the adversary as to strike the ball oneself, but at all events this early stage of polo contributed to the establishment of the breed a number of active, sturdy, quick, little mares. We should consider them undersized, but it is quite notable how many of these early small mares have left their mark in the pedigrees of the first-class ponies of to-day. But when the Peats, the Kenyon Stows, and Kennedys and others sat down to ride and drive the ball in front of them hitting hard, and using near and offside strokes as required, the whole principle of selection changed to meet the alteration in the game. Polo now became not so much an exercise of smartness and of tactics as of dash and pace, and even the men who could not make use of pace with the efficiency of the great players, men who perhaps would have been more effective at slower speeds, began to look for ponies that could gallop. Pace became everything in the pony, and if you want pace you must have blood. Why use crossbred ponies at all? and the era of the blood ponies began. There was perhaps no great selection; any pony that would go under the standard was accepted. The modern thoroughbred polo pony is picked out, not only for his height, but for a certain compactness of shape and possibilities of balance.

I can still see in my memory the thoroughbred ponies of those days. Great raking, lowing animals, low at the withers and high at the croup, going a tremendous pace when they got under way, galloping on their shoulders, like their relatives, the second-rate selling platers, taking half a field to turn in, with bad mouths, weak necks, and not runners enough for a battery mule.

A good many men could not play them at all, and they began rapidly to disappear. Lord Shrewsbury only held on to the blood ones, but then he had always demanded that his thoroughbred ponies should conform to a certain polo type, and so it is that just as if you can obtain a horse of hunter make and shape which is also thoroughbred he will make the best of hunters, so a thoroughbred pony, provided he is a true polo pony type, is no doubt an excellent mount at the game.

But this is not to say that narrow-chested, straight-shouldered, upright-pasterned blood horses, however pure their pedigree, are or ever can be safe and good hunters or first-rate polo ponies, but still the desire for blood gave us some excellent mares of first-rate race-winning families, and brought into our polo ponies that peculiar touch of quality which can best perhaps be infused into any breed through the dams. Once more there was a reaction; the long tails went out of favour, and close combination demanded ponies which were susceptible to careful and thorough schooling. Men began to make it a practice, almost a profession, to train polo ponies, and those which took most kindly to the school were naturally in greatest demand among dealers, amateur and professional. They came to hand more quickly, enabled the dealer to turn his money over more rapidly, and so it came about that what we in our day call the polo-bred pony, the result of judicious crossing of 40 years of polo-playing mares, either with thoroughbred sires of the right polo pony type or with the polo-bred stallions, which other nations appreciate possibly better than we do, or with an occasional Eastern sire, became a favourite pony of the day.

Thus we have seen the recovery and development of an English breed of ponies. We can grasp the enormous value, only second to that of the racecourse, of the game of polo in improving our breed of horses. What Newmarket is to the thoroughbred, that Hurlingham is to the small horses of England. It seems scarcely necessary to recapitulate here and now the virtues of the English horses of polo pony type, and yet we must dwell on these points, because when we come to ask for encouragement and support for this valuable national breed we are met by the objection that the polo pony is the hobby horse of an expensive game, and that those who can afford to play polo can also afford to pay the expenses of the raising of the necessary stock. But this is, after all, a short-sighted way of looking at it. In spite of big prices given for individual ponies, polo ponies do not pay to breed, and, if I may without discourtesy speculate upon such points, I shall be inclined to think that one principal polo pony breeder is tens of thousands out of pocket in spite of his successes. I do not mean to say that if it is to be one of the country's while to have polo ponies, or rather riding ponies, of which the polo pony is the choicest type, it can only be done by our all working together in a systematic way under the leadership of the Board of Agriculture.

All that is required is to find out, no very difficult matter, how many stallions are required in country districts, and what Government subsidy is necessary to make it worth while for local breeders to keep horses of the right stamp.

It would be found in the long run that the simplest and most direct way of encouraging horse-breeding any kind in this country is to make provision of a sufficient quantity of registered stallions. Private enterprise has brought the small riding-horse with its infinite possibilities of usefulness within measurable distance of becoming an established breed, but the resources of private enterprise in this direction are, if not exhausted, yet considerably strained. The time has come for the Government to step in with guidance, control, and assistance.

CITRUS CULTIVATION.

The current number of the "Fruit World" contains an interview with Mr. J. Sanday, who has a citrus orchard at St. Ives. Mr Sanday considers that the orange Satsuma is of no commercial value. The tree is stunted, and the fruit, of which there is very little, worthless. He also challenged a statement that appeared in the "Fruit World" that the lemon is an unsuitable stock on which to bud, the experience of Mr. Sanday shows the reverse is the case, as his best trees are budded on to common lemon stock. Exception was taken also to the advocating of the suckers for bud wood. Mr. Sanday states that he has noted that trees thus treated suffer from dieback, and that the only buds he uses are the good round ones from bearing trees, never using sucker wood. With regard to Pomelo seedlings, Mr. Sanday observed that about 15 years ago he obtained a bushel of seed from Fiji and then worked about 2000 trees on the Pomelo seedlings. Not one of these trees lived 10 years, the bulk of them having died within five years. He was quite convinced that they will not thrive near Sydney. At St. Ives, the oranges which did best were Lake Valencia, white Shiletta and Jaffa. Washington Navels are not suitable in that locality as that fruit likes the sandy gullies.

The subject of pruning was also touched upon. A correspondent recommended the removing of the branches reaching up and forming a cup like shape into which the sun and air could enter easily. Mr. Sanday considered that plan was not possible in the St. Ives district as the sun would beat too fiercely down and the trees would die. He stated that he did not think there was a tree in New South Wales pruned to cup shape. His own practice was to take the middle out by lightly thinning, and pinch the ends back to make the growth dense, endeavouring to make the tree grow as round as possible.

TASMANIAN CROPS.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Government Statistician's forecast of the acreage and yield under five principal crops for the current season gives the following quantities, the increase being given in parenthesis:—Oats, 2,306,143 bushels (801,510 bushels); Barley, English, 196,270 bushels (68,851); hay, 176,022 tons (68,339 tons); potatoes, 86,138 tons (23,974 tons); The production of wheat is estimated at 446,307 bushels, a decrease of 213,308 bushels, and Cape Barley at 15,669 bushels, a decrease of 4921 bushels. The total acreage under crop is 216,307 acres, an increase of 16,181 acres. Oats show an increase of 55.28 per cent., English barley 54.03 per cent., hay 63.49 per cent., and potatoes 38.57 per cent. Wheat shows a decrease of 48.41 per cent., and Cape barley 29.47 per cent.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

UNDER DIFFERENT REGIMES.

MR. TREFLE CRITICAL.

Mr. Trefle, Minister for Lands, yesterday drew attention to the work of the Government in placing new settlers on the soil, and for that purpose compared the two years of the M'Gowen Government with the previous six years of the Carruthers-Wade Governments.

Mr. Trefle says: "In spite of the annual decrease in the Crown lands of the State, the M'Gowen Government has actually beaten the average of the Carruthers-Wade Governments, both in regard to the average annual area made available and the number of new settlers placed on the land.

"During 1912 the M'Gowen Government set apart more land apart for new settlement than had been done during any year of the Carruthers-Wade Administrations, and with fair sailing we hope during the current year to equal the remarkably satisfactory figures of 1912.

"The areas set apart by the present Government for original holdings are as follows:—1911, 764,138 acres; 1912, 1,724,494 acres; average per annum, 1,244,316 acres. Closer settlement and Promotion Act cases are included. The average cannot, however, be taken as a fair indication of the area that will be set apart in the future, as under arrangements completed and in course of completion, the area set apart in 1912 will, it is anticipated, be equalled, if not exceeded, for some years to come.

ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.

"The original holdings applied for during the past two years are as follow:—1911, 1537; 1912, 2828; average, 2182 per annum. Closer Settlement and Promotion Act applications are again included. It is anticipated, in view of arrangements made and in progress, that the number of original holdings applied for in 1912 will be maintained, if not exceeded, for some years to come.

"During the six years which preceded the present Government coming into office, the following areas were set apart for original holdings:—

Year.	Area. Acres.
1905	1,000,550
1906	1,284,150
1907	1,151,125
1908	1,165,263
1909	1,280,184
1910	996,395

"The average is 1,146,263 acres per annum. Closer settlement applications are included. There were no Promotion Act applications. The area will become available in consequence of a section under the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act was set apart during this period.

The original holdings applied for during the same period of six years are as follow:—

Year.	Holdings.
1905	1801
1906	2158
1907	2359
1908	2400
1909	2416
1910	2036

"The average is 2181 per annum. Closer settlement applications are included. There were no Promotion Act applications. It was during this period that the area was disposed of which became available in consequence of action under the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act.

A COMPARISON.

"During the two years' life of the M'Gowen Government the average annual area set apart for original holdings was 1,244,316 acres. There was a marked increase during the second year of administration, when the present policy came into full force. During the six years of previous Governments the average annual area set apart for original holdings was 1,146,263 acres. There was also, during the middle of the period, an area of cancelled improvement leases becoming available, but a general decrease during the later years.

"The average annual number of original holdings applied for during Mr. M'Gowen's term was 2182. During the short time this policy has been in force the number of applications for original holdings has considerably exceeded that of any of the last six years of previous administrations. In the six years the previous Governments held office the average annual number of original holdings applied for was 2181. This average is inflated owing to the cancelled improvement leases becoming available during the term."

FRUIT-GROWING.

THE INDUSTRY AT BATHURST.

BATHURST.—The fruit-growing industry is certainly in the ascent. Particulars of a young orchard which comparatively few people knew were in existence are now available. Hillview orchard is situated nearly two miles from Bathurst on the eastern slope of the eBald Hills. Here Granny Smith, Rome Beauty, Statesman, and the ubiquitous Jonathan varieties of apple trees are thriving. The Granny Smith promise to bear the most heavily in a season or two, but already the Jonathan and Rome Beauty trees are carrying nice samples of fruit. The Statesman variety, which as yet occupies a small position in the orchards of the district, are putting on splendid growth. Besides the apples, 150 peach trees are also growing magnificently thus supporting the contention that the district can claim a high place for its production of peaches. Whilst the fruit cannot be exported like apples, an eager home market is ready to consume all that can be harvested. The peach trees in the orchard were badly covered with aphides last year, but spraying has materially assisted in the wiping out of the pest. The 250 Bartlett pear trees, which give promise of good returns, complete the Hillview orchard. The owner has employed a two-horse disc cultivator with which results as the soil can be treated to within a few inches of the butts in the trees by this means. The orchard is situated in a most favourable position, being the only one in the district not requiring a breakwind on the western boundary. On the northern side walnut trees have been put in as a shelter.

In Mr. Vaughan's orchard six miles out on the O'Connell-road, the Granny Smith variety is making the strongest growth amongst the apples. One critic regrets that some growers are apathetic concerning the care of their orchards during the first couple of years, as the first few seasons comprise the most critical period in the life of any orchard. The trees require, besides the annual winter pruning, disbudding, and summer pruning. It is pointed out that Granny Smith and Rome Beauty varieties are fairly upright growers, and unless they are opened out they grow so thickly in the centre that it is impossible for the sunlight to get in as ddevelop the buds on the inside laterals.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

BRISBANE.—The Queensland Minister for Agriculture, Mr. J. White, will decide definitely when he sees the agenda paper whether he will attend the conference of the Ministers of Agriculture in Hobart.

BUTTER TRADE.

COASTAL FARMERS' SOCIETY.

BEGA.—The half-yearly meeting of the Coastal Farmers Society was held on Tuesday. Mr. W. D. Warden, chairman of the society, presided. Mr. C. E. D. Meares, manager, was also present.

The interim balance-sheet for the six months ended September 30 disclosed a record turnover. The profit for the half-year was £9645. The report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted.

The chairman said that all would admit that the figures spoke for themselves. The directors never anticipated reaching such a turnover. The society had been built up and was maintained on a sound financial basis. The trust account gave complete security to suppliers. The society's policy, which was direct export, was now appreciated by those who first strongly opposed it. The society's capital had been increased by the issue of over 5000 new shares, which were mostly taken up by grain and potato growers, who saw the advantages of co-operation among dairy farmers. The Bega district cheese makers were giving the society liberal support. The society handled three times more cheese last month than any other agency. With the large profits of the last half-year the bonus to suppliers would be much larger.

Various shareholders expressed delight at the position of the society, and congratulated the management on the fact that the main business of the society had doubled the last half-year.

Mr Meares said that no material increase had taken place in the expenses. Every possible economy had been exercised.

The chairman referred to the increased expenses in factories by the wages award. The society and other agents were considering a scheme of passing the expenses on by charging buyers for butter boxes and cartage. He was hopeful this would take place.

A local cheesemaker took exception to Mr. Meares advocating reciprocity with New Zealand, which would kill the cheese industry.

Mr. Meares replied that a deputation which he joined to Mr. Tudor in Melbourne asked only for reciprocity with Canada. New Zealand had captured the new butter trade with Canada by allowing that country reciprocal rates.

The Sydney Chamber of Commerce had asked for reciprocity with various countries, including New Zealand. He favoured this. Our cheese was much below the butter standard. It was not matured sufficiently, and he considered it would not be a bad thing to let New Zealand cheese in for a while.

The matter of pilfering produce on steamers was discussed. Mr. Meares said the great evil was worse on the railways, and he advocated gaol instead of fines. The society recently lost £120 worth of butter between Katoomba and Sydney.

FRUIT INDUSTRY.

TASMANIAN COMPLAINTS.

HOBART, Thursday.

The Fruit Commission opened its sittings in Hobart yesterday.

J. G. Whittles, formerly a fruit expert, said three companies took all the steamers space, and there was a monopoly of space for the carriage of fruit abroad. He detailed many alleged instances where he said he had been blocked in trying to get into the trade as an agent. He advocated the establishment of a State exports products department to get rid of all monopoly, and believed the result would be less expense to the growers. He could not state that the rates of freight were lower to Tasmanian growers than those of mainland States. He made charges against the shipping agents of making excessive charges, and of not supplying sufficient cool storage space. Pressed by Mr. Sampson (Vice) to give a definite instance as to either grievance, he could not do so. He favoured a federal exports products department, failing a State department. One penny per case would cover the expenses at both ends. The growers would be saved about £30,000 a year by such a department being created.

Charles Henry Parratt, a fruit agent in the interstate trade, complained of a delay in Sydney of 11 days in getting fruit from Hobart to Queensland. He was strongly impressed with the necessity for a federal line of interstate steamers to help the fruit trade.

DAIRYING.

ALBION PARK.—55 points of rain fell on Wednesday evening, but a good fall is required to enable dairy farmers to put in crops for winter feed for dairy cattle. At the present time nearly all dairy farmers are feeding dairy cattle on bran and lucerne, and as the result the milk tests have fallen considerably, so much so that great difficulty is being met in keeping to the required Government standard.

TEMORA.—The output of the Temora Butter Factory during December was 225lb of butter and 6297lb of ice. Suppliers of cream were paid 9½d for first grade, and 8½d for second quality. The percentage of the second grade was unusually high, owing to the sultry conditions.

CORAKI.—For the month of December last the Coraki Co-operative Butter and Refrigerating Co., Ltd., manufactured 189.5cwts butter, of which 187.2qrlb. were A1, and 625lb No. 1. The total shows an increase of 6715lb over the previous month, and an increase of 40.1cwts as compared with December, 1911. The average price realised on the Sydney market was 102s 2d per cwt. Suppliers were paid 9½d per lb for A1, and 8½d for No 1. The total pay was £7126.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BATHURST.—The A., H., and P. Association on Thursday decided to remove the disqualification on Peter Sinclair, which had been placed on him following a dispute over the awarding of the champion breeders' sheep prize at the last show.

DUBBO.—Mr. R. C. Dulhunty, district stock inspector, in receipt of a report to the effect that a mysterious ailment has broken out among the sheep on Berida and on Mr. Bennett's Wycott station, near Gilgandra, and that a large number of valuable sheep are affected. Mr. Dulhunty proposes to visit the stations referred to, in order to inspect the sheep and to ascertain the nature of the disease.

GRAFTON.—At the annual meeting of the council of the branches of the Farmers and Settlers' Association on the Clarence, Mr. R. Rankin was elected president, and Messrs. G. Blanch and T. McMahon vice-presidents.

GRENFELL.—The wheat harvest is above the average, odd paddocks going as high as 25 to 25 bushels. The average should be 15 bushels for the Grenfell district.

CUNNAMULLA.—On the Dubbala Estate, Mr. James Power has a magnificent maize crop, which is 10ft 8in high. The other day the manager found something wrong with the telephone, and investigation showed that the maize was lying over the wire, the line running through the crop. The parrot pest is growing worse year by year in the Gundagai district. Orchardists are big sufferers by the depredations of these birds.

SINGLETON.—A largely attended meeting of dairymen was held at Wollemi Creek on Saturday night to raise a protest against registering their calves with the municipal council. Mr. Jas Noble occupied the chair. After several had spoken in opposition to the movement a motion was carried that the dairymen of Singleton district protest against being compelled to register with the municipal council, such register to be sent to the Minister for Agriculture, through the Dairy Farmers' Association. A proposal that the above protest be sent to the Minister for Agriculture was also carried. The secretary of the Dairy Farmers' Association of the district was instructed to attend to the above matter. A meeting was also reported to be held at Singleton on Saturday next for the purpose of forming a branch of the Farmers' Association for the above district.

SINGLETON.—The rabbit nuisance is very bad in the Patrick Plains district, and rabbiting has proved profitable. The total number of stock and rabbits dealt with is as follows:—Cattle, 1,000; sheep, 11,625; horses, 125; and rabbits, 1,000. The total realised is £439 7s 6d. The returns from the rabbits have increased each year since they were started, the amounts for the past three years being:—1910, £277 19s 8d; 1911, £299 1s 6d; and 1912, £439 7s 6d.

TEMORA.—The wheat received at Temora since December 1 totalled 30,42 bags, compared with 10,365 bags for a similar period last year. In the departmental stores there are 10,200 cwt received with 5709 last year. On the platform there are 85 bags, compared with 35,202, and on private stacks 5351, compared with 22,437. At Nixon Park 90 per cent. of the wheat is affected with smut, in consequence the wheat is only bringing two-thirds of the value of clean wheat.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

ALBION PARK.

ALBION PARK.—The Albion Park show was continued on Thursday, and a good crowd weather there was a very large attendance, the show was very keen competition, and the quality of the exhibits in the horse sections was of a very high class. Results:—

Single-harness class.—1, E. [illegible]; 2, [illegible]; 3, [illegible]; 4, [illegible]; 5, [illegible]; 6, [illegible]; 7, [illegible]; 8, [illegible]; 9, [illegible]; 10, [illegible]; 11, [illegible]; 12, [illegible]; 13, [illegible]; 14, [illegible]; 15, [illegible]; 16, [illegible]; 17, [illegible]; 18, [illegible]; 19, [illegible]; 20, [illegible]; 21, [illegible];

Y.M.C.A.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

EXCELLENT RESULTS.

The annual report of the Sydney Y.M.C.A. has just been completed in preparation for the annual meeting, which takes place on Monday next. It is a distinctly encouraging document, though the financial question will naturally continue to present problems so long as the large mortgage on the present buildings continues. The year 1912 began with a debit balance of £163 7s 6d, and after £112 had been paid off the mortgage, the year closed with a debit balance of £334 odd.

Last year was one of intensive development, especially in the religious work. The growth of the Bible study section was a matter for much encouragement, while the sessions of the Association School of Christian Training were well attended, and proved that there is a large field for the Y.M.C.A. in training men for active and efficient lay work in the churches. Numbers of men have taken up work in Sunday schools and Bible classes, whilst a few have set their faces towards the home ministry and the foreign mission field. The Sunday afternoon meeting also shows a large increase in attendances, and it has been marked by an excellent spirit of fraternity and helpfulness.

The social life of the association has been a feature of the year. Largely attended receptions to new members, members of the association departments, and the Christmas conversazione, have attracted hundreds of men and boys. During the year 779 new members were admitted, the total membership now being 1342, while the membership receipts show an increase over 1911 of £111 3s 6d. No fewer than 37 social functions of various kinds were held in the past 12 months, resulting in the encouraging total of 6181 attendances. The Physical Department has also been given careful attention by the Physical Work Committee, constituted during the year. The gymnasium has maintained a high standard of efficiency, whilst the outdoor clubs have so grown in numbers and enrolments, as to make the Y.M.C.A. one of the largest single athletic organisations in the Commonwealth. The Educational Department, while not less efficient than in former years, has had less work than in the past from the very fact that so many business colleges and schools have arisen in Sydney, which have rendered the work of this department in a large measure superfluous. Attendances, nevertheless, were remarkably good, no fewer than 1835 being recorded.

FREE FARMS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The free farms offered by the Federal Government in the Northern Territory will be largely over-applied for. Already 40 applications have been received by the External Affairs Department for the 25 blocks. Applications are coming to hand in a steady stream, and the closing date for their receipt is not until February 25. The Land Board of the Territory will decide to whom the free farms will be granted.

HILLSTON AND THE LABOUR GOVERNMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—At last State elections, in the Hillston district, as in many others, there was a general feeling that the Liberal Government had been concentrating its energies upon Sydney, and neglecting the needs of the outback districts, and a feeling that found expression in the words, "Give the labour party a chance, and perhaps they may do something for the development of the country." At a meeting of the Western Lessees' association a prominent pastoralist remarked, after the Labour Government was formed, "that this Government at least had no vested interests to serve, and we had everything to hope and nothing to fear from a Labour Government." How bitterly we have been disappointed, and how entirely the Government has failed to fulfil its promises, are now matters of history.

The action taken by the Government with regard to the proposal of a railway to Hillston is one that has met with unqualified disapproval and disgust, even from some of its most ardent supporters. When the elections were in progress, amongst the first of the claims put forward by both parties as to why they should be placed in power was the intention to open up the Hillston district by a railway, and thus make the immense area of rich agricultural Crown land in this district available for settlement; and, if one could judge by the declarations made on the platform, the very first Act passed would be one authorising the construction of this railway.

How were these promises fulfilled? Months passed before a line from Wyalong to Hillston was referred to the Public Works Committee, and when at length this was done, there was referred with it an alternative proposal to construct a line from Wyalong to Lake Cudgellico. With wealthy and influential residents losing no opportunity of pushing the claims of the Cudgellico line, and with a Parliamentary member strongly in sympathy with and working energetically for them, the Wyalong-Cudgellico line (whose main purpose will be to serve existing settlement, and which will open up, in comparison with the Wyalong-Hillston line, a comparatively small area of Crown land), was the one chosen for recommendation by the Public Works Committee, and the Hillston line was again, as it has so often been, rejected.

Hillston district residents have been blamed for apathy in the matter, but it must be remembered that for 20 years they have been agitating for a railway—that they have had scores of unfulfilled promises made them—that they are for the most part a scattered and struggling community, owing to lack of means of transport, and their means for pressing their claims are limited. It can hardly be expected that large holders, who now hold immense areas of these fertile Crown lands on annual leases at nominal rentals, will be very enthusiastic over a railway that will bring about closer settlement.

A still further grievance that residents and would-be settlers in this district have against this Government is with regard to the way it has acted with regard to Crown lands. No sooner did it come into power than it withdrew all Crown lands in the district from settlement for classification, pending the settlement of the railway policy. There was no complaint about this at the time, as it was believed this showed an earnest of the intention of the Government to proceed with the railway at once. But two years have passed, and we seem to be as far from getting the railway as ever, and by the Government's action of locking up the land, progress, even on normal lines was blocked, and the district is at a standstill.

After the rejection by the Works Committee of the Wyalong-Hillston line in favour of the Cudgellico line, when Mr. Wood, deputy-leader of the Opposition, protested against the rejection of the original and most suitable proposal for opening up these Crown lands, Mr. Griffith, Minister for Works, stated that the Works Committee had recommended that consideration should be given to a line from Barmedman to Hillston, and if that line were referred to the Works Committee, it was prepared to report at once in favour of it in the face of this statement by the Minister, we find that still another alternative proposal has been referred to the Public Works Committee for a line from Mirool to Hillston. Does it not appear as if the Government is deliberately shuffling and evading this matter, is simply playing with and putting off the people, and that no confidence whatever can be placed in its promises?

For the past 30 years Hillston district has been made the sport and butt of politicians with regard to railway promises. Proposal after proposal has been made—the people of the district have spent hundreds of pounds in urging the claims of the district to railway communication—claims which are admitted by all who know anything at all of the matter—and it can scarcely be wondered at if, after so many disappointments, they have grown apathetic.

But, sir, the question is not one that concerns Hillston people alone, nor is the question of giving Hillston a railway the only one involved. It is nothing short of a crime that this immense area of rich agricultural land—which, with a railway which could be built at a comparatively low cost (for the country presents no engineering difficulties whatever) would produce, with means of transport, millions of bushels of wheat and thousands of fat stock more than it does at present, and would settle thousands of families at a slight expenditure, and give them every prospect of living in comfort and happiness—should be left to go to waste as it now does.

Unless the Government at once takes into earnest and serious consideration the construction of this railway, and makes some definite movement towards its construction, instead of merely playing with, evading, and keeping dangling as their actions appear to indicate it is, the proposal of which it made so much capital at last election, it will stand branded as most outrageous faith and promise breakers, utterly unworthy of confidence or support. I am, etc.,

Dec. 30. T. L.

LORD CHELMSFORD.

PROPOSED FAREWELL BANQUET.

TOWN HALL MEETING.

A meeting of citizens took place in the Town Hall yesterday to consider what steps should be taken in connection with the tendering of a public farewell to Lord Chelmsford, whose term of office as Governor is drawing to a close.

There was a large and representative attendance, the Lord Mayor (Alderman A. C. Cocks, M.L.A.) presiding.

Alderman Sandy moved,—"That the farewell take the form of a citizens' banquet, to be held at the Town Hall on the evening of Friday, March 7."

Mr. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C., who seconded the motion, remarked that there was no need at that meeting for eulogies. All of them loved and admired Lord Chelmsford—(Hear, hear)—and Lady Chelmsford also. It occurred to him that they might arrange some function that would enable the ladies to bid farewell to Lady Chelmsford.

The Lord Mayor said that those who attended the banquet would be presented to Lord Chelmsford; and arrangements were already in train for affording the ladies an opportunity of meeting Lady Chelmsford. Those arrangements would be announced later on.

Mr. T. A. Dibbs asked whether the banquet could not be arranged for some other evening than a Friday, mentioning that for a section of the community this was the most unsuitable evening of the week.

The Lord Mayor replied that unfortunately the date that had been named was the only one that Lord Chelmsford had open during the week of his departure, and much as they would all regret the placing of any section of the citizens under any disability, there was no help for it, because Lord Chelmsford had already accepted engagements for every other evening.

The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

Mr. H. Y. Braddon moved, and Mr. Russell French seconded a motion, which was carried, that all present form themselves into a committee.

The following executive committee was then elected:—Sir James Graham, Sir W. P. Manning, Sir Charles Mackellar, Sir Allen Taylor, Sir Albert Gould, Judge Backhouse, Messrs. T. Hughes, H. Y. Braddon, T. Hutchinson, G. Earp, F. W. Sargood, T. Henley, A. J. Riley, H. Levy, W. G. Layton, A. Gordon Weeche, Aldermen G. T. Clarke, T. H. Kelly, and R. D. Meagher.

Messrs. T. H. Nesbitt and A. Borchard were appointed hon. secretaries, and Messrs. T. A. Dibbs and Russell French hon. treasurers.

The Lord Mayor said that judging by the large gathering that had assembled to make these preliminary arrangements and the enthusiasm that had been displayed the movement was a very popular one, and he believed that the demand for tickets at the banquet would be far in excess of the seating accommodation.

Amongst the many apologies received for non-attendance was a letter from the Premier (Mr. M'Gowen), who, after explaining that he had to go to the country, wrote:—"Holding, as I do, Lord Chelmsford in the highest estimation for his personal qualities and public services to this State during his period of administration, I very naturally desire to be prominently identified with any movement such as that in hand, which has my whole-souled sympathy and support."

ADELAIDE MEAT SUPPLY.

NEW ABATTOIRS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Adelaide Metropolitan Abattoirs should be in full operation by June next. It is estimated that the total revenue will be £76,000 per annum. The staff will consist of 220 men, and the wage-sheet will be about £35,000 a year. The abattoirs area has been split up for delivery purposes into districts under a colour scheme for identification. It was estimated that the price of meat to consumers will be raised by a farthing to a halfpenny per lb. The scheme when completed will cost £350,000, and will serve a population of 190,000.

BANKS, OR FISHER?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Is it seriously proposed that "Fisher" be the name for the Commonwealth (of Australia) capital? Are native-born Australians so devoid of gratitude, and the incalculable debt they owe to the name and the memory of him who is de facto "the Father of Australia?" and but for whom this "fifth" quarter of the globe, containing only 2,974,581 square miles (Knibbs) would not now be the biggest (larger than the United States of America) and the brightest gem of the biggest and the freest (British) Empire, the world has ever carried since she saw the light of the sun.

Students know that but for the man's persistency, noble generosity, and energy in season and out of season, urging the British government to spend, only nine years, urging them—irrespective of Whig or Tory shades—to turn to practical use Captain Cook's rediscovery of "New Holland." The first voyage of Cook's cost him (Banks) £10,000 to equip the Endeavour with scientists, artists, and botanists, etc.

And, more, had he not persevered, it is an historical fact that, by the skin of his teeth, or, rather, the skin (bulls) of his fleet, but a few hours, that bravest and best of men and of our Governors, Captain Arthur Phillip, would, on the safety and subsequently ill-fated navigator, Count de la Peyrouse, else, would the tricolour of la belle France now be waving o'er sunny Australia to-day? Thank God it is the "Jack."

To me, a son of this fair land, there should be not a second name, or a second thought given for any other than that of Banks.

Long ere this, in your splendid journal, have I stood it out that there is no other name has greater claim for immortalising than that of Sir Joseph Banks. Plain Banks, not Banksia, because it has a more mellifluent sound.

I ask pertinently (maybe some will say impertinently) what equal benefit has Prime Minister Andrew Fisher conferred "for this bit of the earth which we call ours" that his name be "writ" across this, the fifth Continent of the Globe, to be known to some who creep in where angels fear to tread. Surely this is an example of crass temerity it were difficult is parallel. It is scaling the pons asinorum to harbour "Fisher" as the capital's name. If so, I presume the inhabitants will be dubbed Fisher-men. And in the near future "Fisher's ghost" will be raised "again us. Under the (mistaken) impression that Mr. Fisher was the virtual head and leader of the Federal Government, on October 24, 1912, I wrote to him urging the claim Banks's name has had to every other name for that of the capital city of federated Australia.

On the 28th of that month I had a curt reply "to say that he had brought your suggestion under the notice of the Minister for Home Affairs." Well, "brother" King O'Malley, if "Fisher" be his selection (mind, this for all time), as a Canadian must be woefully ignorant of what we natives (white) of Australia owe to the deeds—not words only—of Sir Joseph Banks.

Time is it that the calumny of unthankfulness be once and for all removed. Know you that there is not a river, a mountain, a county, nor a district in all Australia bearing Banks's honoured name, save only the hamlet of Bankstown. Even here his name stands not by itself. Here now is a golden opportunity to link for aye Banks's name per se with the future capital of the Continent, secured and assured by his self-denying labour of love for the British Empire to found a new Britannia in another world.

I am, etc.,

Jan. 13. ANGLO-AUSTRAL.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of HERBERT EANYARD, late of Gosford, in the State of New South Wales, Freeholder, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-fourth day of February, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 1913. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. PETER MACPHERSON, Proctor for the Executors, Mann-street, Gosford. By his Agents, Messrs. DAVID L. AITKEN and BARRON, 44 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—No. 51567.—In the Will and Codicil of HENRY JOBBINS, late of St. Peters, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the Second Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the third day of March next, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this sixteenth day of January, A.D. 1913. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar of Probates. F. LYNNE ROLIN, Proctor for Executors, Castlereagh House, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of HANNAH BARKELEY, late of Marrickville, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claims on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office, on or before the 27th day of February next, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 14th day of January, 1913. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. FRANK A. DAVENPORT, Proctor, Ocean House, Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of EMMA RYLAND, late of Number 3, Boulevard, Darlinghurst Hill, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any Claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said Office on or before the twenty-eighth day of February next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 1913. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar. PETER MACPHERSON, Proctor for the Administratrix, Gosford. By his Agents, Messrs. DAVID L. AITKEN and BARRON, 44 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of DANIEL GOLDBERG, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Machine Tailor, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills Probate and Administration Act of 1898, NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims upon or being otherwise interested in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased (who died at Sydney Hospital, Sydney, on the tenth day of November, 1912), are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claim to the undersigned, the Proctors for the Executor of the Will of the said deceased, before the first day of March next, after which date the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the said Executor shall not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 17th day of January, 1913. BIDDULPH and SALENGER, Proctors for the Executor, Selborne-chambers, 174 Phillip-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JAMES HAWES, late of Hastings River, in the State of New South Wales, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HUGH BUTLER, son-in-law of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. And take further notice that, on the application for Letters of Administration, application will also be made that the usual Administration Bond may be dispensed with. And all persons having any claim against the said Estate are requested to send particulars thereof to the office of the undersigned. HERBERT EDGAR McINTOSH, Proctor for the Applicants, B.M.A.-chambers, 22 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of DAVID FOLEY, late of Stanmore, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Freeholder, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the said deceased may be granted to DAVID PATRICK FOLEY and THOMAS HENRY FOLEY, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. And all persons having any claim against the Estate of the said deceased are required to send particulars of the same to the undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof. Dated this 9th day of January, 1913. J. P. FITZHARDINGE, SON, and HOUSTON, Proctors for the Executors, 16 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of CHRISTINA PILLENES MARTIN, late of Beryl, near Gulgong, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ROBERT MARTIN, SAMUEL MARTIN, and THOMAS ERNEST MARTIN, the Sons of the said deceased, and notice is also given that application will be made that the usual bond be dispensed with or reduced, and all creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims to, and all notices may be served at, the office of the undersigned. R. A. MONRO, KING, and DOWD, Proctors for the Applicants, Gulgong, and 3 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JACOB ALEXANDER SEYMOUR, late of Tyalgum, in the State of New South Wales, Mine Employee, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY SEYMOUR, of Canbelego, the Widow of the said deceased, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. Application will also be made that the usual administration bond may be dispensed with. G. A. BOLTON, Proctor for the Applicant, Barton-street, Cobar. By his Agent, F. W. WALKER, 12 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOSEPH BUNYAN, late of Albion Hotel, near Boolgal, in the State of New South Wales, Hotelkeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN BUNYAN and JOSEPH BUNYAN, the Executors in the said Will named, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. HOGG and STINSON, Solicitors, 2 Castlereagh-street, Sydney. C. W. ALEXANDER, Proctor for the Executors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of FRANCIS ALFRED PORTER, late of Marrickville, in the State of New South Wales, Fettler, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abov

BLAYNEY.

LIBERALS FORGE AHEAD.

PERTHVILLE VOTE.

MR. WOOD AT TRUNKEY.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

As a result of the last week's strenuous campaigning, the Liberals are forging ahead, and there is a feeling all over the electorate that Mr. Withington is now safe.

The one danger the Liberal speakers and organisers fear is that many of the outback farmers, confident of victory, may not trouble to record their votes. This danger is being anticipated by a strenuous canvass, and repeated appeals for the recording of every Liberal vote in the electorate.

The event of the day was the visit of the deputy-leader of the Opposition to Trunkey Creek. Here in the old-time mining centre the forces of Liberalism and Labour are fairly evenly divided. There are 70 Liberal votes there, and at the first ballot the Labour vote was divided, Mr. Beeby getting 32, and Mr. Johnson 46. In order to increase the Liberal lead, Mr. Wood delivered a vigorous address on behalf of Mr. Withington.

A CAT AND A RAT.

One recruit has enlisted under Mr. Beeby's standard for the remainder of the campaign. This is Mr. A. J. M'Cauley, late president of the Marrickville Labour League. This gentleman hearing that Mr. Cohen was billed to speak at George's Plains last night deliberately visited that centre to speak on behalf of Mr. Beeby. Following the usual practice of the Liberals Mr. Cohen generously allowed his opponent to share the platform.

Mr. M'Cauley, taking his cue from Mr. Beeby, spoke in favour of the abolition of party government, and advocated the dual system of land tenure, and absolute freedom for all members of Parliament to give vent to their individuality. He waxed facetious at the expense of the Liberal candidate, saying that Mr. Withington reminded him of Dick Whittington and his cat.

This remark prompted Mr. Cohen to exclaim that cats were very useful animals to destroy rats, a retort that quite delighted the audience, particularly the Labour section, who laughed immoderately.

Mr. M'Cauley, though he supported Mr. Beeby, admitted that he could not endorse the Willis business, and he thought the Speaker's conduct in putting Mr. Cohen out on the occasion of the hospital debate was absolutely unpardonable. But Mr. Willis was the product of the party system.

Mr. Cohen said he would not trouble to discuss a man like Mr. Willis, whom he despised. But Mr. Beeby would have to take the full responsibility for the Willis compact. As for Mr. M'Cauley, his case could be left in the hands of the P.L.L. He would only remark that the Labour party was much stronger in its criticism of Mr. Beeby than were the Liberals.

ANOTHER MOTOR MISHAP.

While the motor car is playing a big part in political campaigning it is not infallible. Mr. Beeby's car went wrong early this morning in the mountain track between Rydal and Tarana. All efforts to coax it into renewed locomotion proved unavailing; so the chauffeur had to trudge five miles over the mountains to the nearest telaphone to summon assistance. Meanwhile Mr. Beeby patiently waited for a couple of hours on the roadside preparing his Perthville speech and mapping out the remainder of the campaign.

MR. WOOD AT TRUNKEY.

LIBERAL ORGANISERS DEFENDED.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

TRUNKEY CREEK, Thursday.

The electors of Trunkey were thrice advised that Mr. Wood would be there to address them during the present campaign, but on each occasion some untoward circumstance prevented the visit. So to-night, when the deputy-leader of the Opposition did arrive, he found the Trunkey folk anxious to hear him. A heavy thunderstorm broke over the ranges just about 8 o'clock, and during the last few miles of the journey the motor car had to plough through streams which at intervals ran across the roadway. However, Mr. Wood's belated arrival was in every way welcome.

At the meeting Mr. Thos. Sunderland presided, and the local hall was fairly well filled.

Mr. Wood began by expressing his regret at his inability to appear at Trunkey earlier in the campaign. He dealt at the outset with Mr. Beeby's plaint against the Liberal organisers, and denied the accusations made by Mr. Beeby, the Independent candidate. "You have had one of the Liberal organisers here, and there is absolutely no suspicion of his acting in any improper way. The whole of Mr. Beeby's complaint is an appeal for personal sympathy. Why should Mr. Beeby have a whitewash? Why should we not prosecute an active campaign, especially when Liberal leaders have been abused by him? Why should he squeal now? We are only copying the Labour party in employing these organisers. Besides, Mr. Beeby had his secret organisers in the electorate months ago spreading unfounded reports about the Liberal party being disunited, with no confidence in its leaders. So it was very necessary for us to have our organisers in the electorate to put the actual facts of the case before the electors. The Liberal party is solidly united, and ably led, with every confidence in its leader, and will go to the country with every hope of victory. (Applause.)

THE SECOND BALLOT.

On the matter of Mr. Beeby's objection to the second ballot, Mr. Wood said that it was no use Mr. Beeby wailing now, because when the Labour party introduced the amending Electoral Bill, they did not trouble to amend the second ballot provision. In any case, Mr. Beeby should be grateful for the second ballot, for without it he would now be relegated to political oblivion. Probably, in the present case, preferential voting would not have helped the electors, especially as there were three distinct parties seeking their suffrages. At any rate, the issue before the electors was now clear-cut. They had to choose between Mr. Withington, the Liberal, or Mr. Beeby, who sought to introduce his third party.

A PIG IN A POKE.

"Every man who voted for Mr. Beeby at the first ballot," continued Mr. Wood, "voted for him without a policy. He thought that the people were so blind and that he was so popular, that he had only to hang up his political hat and the electors would cheer and return him to Parliament. Those who did vote for him then voted blindly. They bought a pig in a poke. The no-policy bait was good enough for them. They simply gave Mr. Beeby authority to act as their agent. But there were not enough electors here to give him a blank cheque. So he is now out for those 1129 Johnston votes. He has come forward with a brand new policy which I will criticise."

Mr. Wood then dealt in detail with the progressive policy, especially the land question, and contrasted Mr. Beeby's present attitude to freehold with his past attitude when he was at Mudgee the successful champion of leasehold. If Mr. Beeby had been politically consistent he would have resigned when Mr. Horne and Mr. Dugree did. But Mr. Beeby did nothing of the kind. He stayed in the Ministry and brought in his Land Bill, which resulted in the cessation of the sale of Crown lands; but, strange to say, now that Mr. Beeby had to face a second ballot, he told the electors that he was in favour of two tenures—freehold and leasehold.

"More than that," continued Mr. Wood, "he says he has been in favour of both tenures all his life."

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

It was only natural, said Mr. Wood, that the Blayney electors should now doubt the sincerity of Mr. Beeby. What had Mr. Beeby done during his two years in office to assist closer settlement, despite his new-found anxiety for that scheme? He found three Liberal Closer Settlement Acts in operation when he joined the Ministry. Under these Acts the Liberal resumptions were a pronounced success. New homes on the land were found for 1500 families; but Mr. Beeby did nothing to continue this closer settlement policy. True, he earmarked several estates, but they had not been resumed, and nothing was done. He certainly gave no inducement for young Australian settlers to gain their own freehold under the Closer Settlement Promotion Act, even though the new settler only needed to provide 5 per cent. of the purchase money. Surely it was reasonable to urge the electors to once more return a Liberal Government to carry out the closer settlement proposals. (Applause.)

As for Mr. Beeby's drastic policy of land taxation, how could he hope to gain the support of this ragged nondescript railsitting quick-silver party in the House? If Mr. Morton or Mr. Donaldson or Mr. Levien dared to advocate such a policy in their electorates they would never see Parliament again. So what hope could Mr. Beeby have of carrying out his land policy even if elected?

Continuing, Mr. Wood condemned the rest of Mr. Beeby's land policy, especially the division of the State in five land districts, which was an impracticable scheme. It would be twice as expensive as and far less convenient than the present Lands Department administration. The new industrial scheme of Mr. Beeby was to provide a board of trade to control labour conditions. This was absolutely unnecessary and ultra Conservative, and if Parliament had to fix the hours of labour and the wages of the workers, the tendency would be to make the hours longer, and the standard of wages would be fixed at a minimum in order not to cripple industries. The Liberal party would fight this proposal to the death. They would never hand over to any arbitrary board the interests of the working classes. It was an impossible and undesirable proposition, and fraught with grave danger to the workers. The Liberal party's efforts to help the workers would compare very favourably with anything done by any party, and certainly they had done more for the workers than had Mr. Beeby. (Applause.)

Mr. Wood concluded with an appeal on behalf of Mr. Withington, and the Liberal party, which had passed so much humanitarian legislation in the past.

LIKE A TWO-UP SCHOOL.

NOWRA, Thursday.

Mr. Mark Morton, M.L.A., speaking in response to the toast of "The Parliament" at a local social, said that there was little difference between the "Independent" party and a "two-up" school. Neither could claim to be imbued with high principles.

NEWCASTLE ABATTOIRS.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The election for members of the Newcastle District Abattoirs Board took place at the Municipal Council Chambers to-day. Out of 144 on the roll 131 voted. Twenty-four aldermen or councillors contested the five seats. The election resulted as follows:—Alderman Greer (Waratah), 67; Alderman Shedden (Mayor of Newcastle), 64; Alderman Melville (Hamilton), 55; Alderman M'Gregor (Carrington), 50; and Councillor Heath (Lake Macquarie), 40. The returning officer (Mr. E. Scott Holland), in announcing the results, said it was to be regretted that postal voting was not allowed. The closing hour, he said, had consequently been extended to 9 o'clock.

BRITAIN'S AIR FLEET.

FOREIGNERS TO BUILD.

A £25,000 ORDER.

The British Admiralty is reported to have placed with the manufacturers of the Parseval dirigibles an order for an airship of the non-rigid type favoured by Count Parseval, the famous German designer of aircraft.

The new vessel is to be of 350,000ft capacity. It will be 300ft in length, and will be driven by two 200-h.p. engines. The price to be paid is stated to be £25,000.

The airship will carry a crew of 20, fuel for a journey of at least 24 hours, and a considerable quantity of material and stores.

It is also stated that a dirigible of the Astra-Torres type, designed in Spain and built in France, has been ordered from a French firm.

It is one of the grimmest ironies of the time, writes a special correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" that the British Navy should have to apply to Germany for an air-cruiser, but such seems to be the truth. Having ordered a Spanish Astra-Torres dirigible of French make at a cost of £5,000 our Admiralty has now redressed the balance of international favour by acquiring a German dirigible of the Parseval type—an experiment in both cases.

This country has always inclined towards the non-rigid type of airships as exemplified by the Parseval dirigible which was designed in 1906 to obviate the disadvantages inherent in Count Zeppelin's rigid vessels. The initiative in the matter of airship building may be said to have been due to the Emperor himself, who, in the spring of that year, called together a number of prominent men, representing industry and commerce, to discuss with them the possibility of organising means for the construction of air-craft.

Soon after a preliminary company was founded with a capital of £50,000. In the following year the first experimental airship on the non-rigid principle made several ascents, and was finally acquired by the Imperial Aero Club. The dirigible was sent to take part in the Gordon-Bennett International balloon races at Zurich, and here made its first ascent in October, 1907. In spite of the boisterous weather, the new dirigible proved more than equal to the severe strain on its powers, and was awarded the Prix d'Honneur.

Next year was founded the Airship Company, for the construction of Parsevals on a larger scale. The first of its products, with a gas capacity of 4000 cubic metres, was at once acquired by the Prussian War Office, and has taken part in army manœuvres ever since. In September last the Red or winning side was served by a Parseval, while the Blues were correspondingly scouted for by an airship of the rigid type.

About the same time the latest type of Parseval was acquired by the Japanese Government, and its experimental trip at Tokyo was most successful.

In October last the newest type of Parseval made a nocturnal voyage from Berlin to Konigsberg—a distance of 350 miles—in seven hours, counting from the stroke of midnight, which was an average of just 50 miles per hour.

DAY LABOUR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of to-day we once again find Mr. Griffith defending day-labour. Mr. Griffith is perfectly within his rights in quoting every successful piece of work carried out under this much-discussed system. But it would be highly interesting if the Minister, while quoting successful jobs, would also quote, for the public benefit, unsuccessful ones as well.

Though I am an out-and-out supporter of the Labour party, thoroughly believing in the benefits to be derived by day-labour, both in the interest of workmen and public generally, I candidly admit to-day, after 18 months' employment on Government works under day-labour, that the system is, in my opinion, doomed to failure. I will quote one case in particular, and I invite the Minister to contradict me if he can do so.

Mr. Griffith, in turning the first sod of the Marrickville-Undercliffe tramline, which was carried out under the day-labour system, was reported in the press at the time to have said that "the tram would be running in the following April"; that is, that the work would take about six months. Instead of taking six months to complete the work, as stated by Mr. Griffith, no doubt on the authority of the departmental engineers, it took 13 months. Now, Mr. Griffith, as head of the Department of Public Works, must be a mighty poor judge of the time required to do that work, or there was something radically wrong with the management of that work, and consequently with the system he is defending.

Again, allow me to take the overhead tramway bridge in connection with this same work; and, further, allow me to ask the honorable Minister is it not a fact that the departmental estimate for that work, including resumptions, was £17,000; and that the actual cost of doing the work was over £20,000. This, without making any allowance for interest, etc., during the last six months Mr. Griffith said the line would be working and earning profits.

Now, what was the cause of this excess of expenditure compared with the departmental estimate. It can be summed up in the one word—mismanagement. We have all heard of the Minister's wonderful investment in horse flesh, at £50 to £60 per head, and the saving he was going to effect with those horses. It is common knowledge that quite a number of these valuable animals were being fed in the yard at Marrickville in idleness, while private owned horses and drays were employed on Government works in the adjoining suburb. Does Mr. Griffith want to look any further than this, coupled with the fact that work was erected and dismantled again and again to find a reason why some of his day-labour jobs cost thousands of pounds above the estimate.

Let me say in conclusion that these are not the statements of a man passing in a motor car or a flying machine, but the statements of a man who is prepared to make them in the form of a statutory declaration if necessary; and with that object in view, you, Sir, are at perfect liberty to hand Mr. Griffith my name and address.

I am, etc.,

Jan. 14. AN OBSERVER.

Military press censorship in Austria has not made the life of the journalist more easy. But one paper, at any rate, worked a way round the official edict. Forbidden to mention the movements of troops towards the frontier, this journal inserted a paragraph in its social news intimating that Colonel —— (the local commandant) had been compelled by the state of his health to retire for a time to the hill district of Bosnia, and "out of kindness of heart has invited the whole regiment to accompany him."

IMPERIAL TRADE MARK.

SIR GEORGE REID'S PROPOSAL

"MADE IN THE BRITISH EMPIRE."

GREAT SPEECH IN CANADA.

The High Commissioner for Australia, Sir George Reid, in the course of a patriotic address on "The Australian Commonwealth and Her Relation to the British Empire," delivered before the Canadian Club, of Ottawa, on the occasion of a luncheon given in the Chateau Laurier, advocated an Imperial trade mark, in order to afford an opportunity to British subjects all over the world to purchase British goods in preference to foreign goods.

"Is this a difficult thing?" he asked. "Could not the great divisions of the Empire legislate for an Imperial trade mark; one with 'made in the British Empire' on the outer circle, the inner circle having 'made in Canada,' or Australia, or Great Britain, the centre containing the trade mark of the individual whose production it was? Because you can never efface that; you must always have the trade mark of the firm that produced the article, or its reputation would be worth nothing and its skill would get no reward, and a bad make would have the same favour as a good one. By an Imperial trade mark with those you could, I think, carry out in a simple and effective way the project of British Empire preference and reciprocity.

AUSTRALIA'S EXAMPLE.

"The British Empire does not buy as much from Australia as Australia buys from the British Empire. We buy only 25 per cent. from foreign countries, but we sell 39 per cent. of our production to foreign countries, and only 61 per cent. to the British Empire, so that you see the balance of trade is all on the loyal side. We give a preference to the mother country which costs 5,000,000dol. a year in hard cash.

"There are suggestions for reciprocity and preference by Acts of Parliament, which, I think, elicit warm support from Australia, as from Canada; but, just as Australia and Canada won't let the mother country shape their customs policy, so we are men enough not to try to force the point against the conviction of the British people. (Hear, hear.) The time may come when the majority of the people of the mother country may find our ideas to be in their interest, too. But I will tell you what occurs to me: There is one way of enjoying the blessings of reciprocity and preference without waiting for those Acts of Parliament that may never come.

"Why can't every man of us in the British Empire, every day, give a preference in his purchases to the Empire? (Hear, hear, and applause.) Why should not there be a trade mark for the British Empire which would enable us, wherever we are, to give that preference? If I were living in a village in Canada—in my political career I was always a great free trader, but as an official—I don't know what I am. (Laughter.) But I want to say this, and I think it is a creed we can all agree about—if I were living in a small village in Canada I would buy everything I could from the people in my own village. (Hear, hear.)

"Local patriotism is at the very heart of all the patriotisms of the British Empire. If I could not get what I wanted in the village or town, or country I live in I would get it in the Empire; and if I could not get it in the Empire, then, in the name of Heaven, let us give the rest of the world a chance! (Laughter.)

"If we act on those lines there is no country that can justly complain, because the old country and the rest of the Empire are faced by barricades all over the trade routes of the world.

COMMONWEALTH DEFENCE.

"I will tell you another thing about Australia. We are far away from the storm centres of the world. We are geographically the very extremity of this mighty British Empire, whose gigantic frame stretches from the North Sea, down in the case of Australia, almost to the South Pole. I only wish the rest of the body of the British Empire were as lively as its toes are, in the way of defence. We have got an Australian fleet. What do you think of that? (Laughter, loud applause, and cheers.)

"We are 12 years old only, you know. You are a lusty 4s. We are 12 years old, and we have got an Australian fleet, flying the white ensign. But we have got our own flag, mind you, on the front of the ship. (Laughter and applause.) Young communities, like children, will spend ever so much more on a thing of their own than they will in buying anything for the old man. (Laughter.)

"We Australians in these three years have spent 65,000,000 dollars on defence, naval and military. Every Loy in Australia has, some time in the year, to wear the uniform of the King—(applause)—but he is not taken away from industry, you know.

"I have never been one of those who think that a country will grow truly great by putting millions of her youths into barracks for five or three years; but the compulsory training in Australia is of the lenient kind, which can be no real hardship to the youngsters. We have got a fleet that gives young Australia a chance of obeying the call of the sea. Do not forget that most of our glory and most of our conquests came from the exploits of our race upon the high seas. (Applause.)

"We are so prosperous in Australia, and you are so prosperous in Canada, that our young men do not go to sea as readily as used to be the case; but it would be a sad day for Australia, and perhaps for Canada, if we do not find some young Australians and some young Canadians on the deck of ships that travel the high seas. (Applause.)

IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

"We have heard a number of eloquent appeals for some new form of Imperial Federation. I would be delighted if some of our statesmen who have this matter so earnestly in their minds would produce even the barest outline of a scheme for carrying this out. It is easy to talk about tying the bonds which unite us more closely together; but if you asked me to submit such a scheme, likely to preserve and promote the harmony of the Empire, I would ask you to go to my friends the Canadian Ministers. (Laughter.) If they have some scheme which would do that, I think the whole Empire will acclaim them as benefactors. The onus upon those who wish to make changes is tremendous.

"The harmony of the Empire as it stands to-day is one of the miracles of human experience. We think it wonderful that majestic bodies in the heavens should revolve round the central sun. Well, that is not more marvellous than the orderly orbits in the political heavens of the various constellations of our Imperial system. The law of gravitation of the solar system is a great mystery, and so is the marvellous peace and order which prevail right over this Empire. Some American poet said to someone, 'Hitch your waggon to a star.' But if you could hitch your waggon to the star, where would you and your waggon soon be? (Laughter.)

DEATH ON A RAILWAY STATION.

Elizabeth White, 37, a resident of Carlton, after running to catch a train, reached the local station in an exhausted condition. She asked to be given a seat, but died in a few minutes.

TRUMPER TESTIMONIAL.

The hon. treasurer of the citizens' committee of the Victor Trumper testimonial fund acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions:—

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AMUSEMENTS.

MUSICAL COMEDY SEASON.

The final performance of "Floradora" will be given at Her Majesty's to-night. The revival will then close a six weeks' run. To-morrow evening "The Sunshine Girl" will have its Australian premiere at the same theatre. It is notified that the performance will begin promptly at 7.40.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

LISMORE, Thursday.

In the first round of the B grade competition in connection with the Lismore-Tweed District Rifle Association, Lismore Rifle Club team defeated the Fourth A.L. Horse, by 336 to 311.

MODERN PARENTS.

A COMMENTARY.

WAY TO BRING UP CHILDREN.

A curious commentary on the ways of the modern parent is provided by the following advertisement, which recently appeared in the "Church Times":—

Spoilt children (three, 9 to 14); governess wanted take charge; fond of children; experienced with children requiring whipping; £40.

This advertisement appears to be a confession of complete failure by the parents. Even now, when they have found out that their children are spoilt, they feel it a necessity to call in professional assistance to remedy what may be a self-created evil which they apparently feel it impossible to cope with themselves. There is ample evidence that there are other modern children who get "beyond" their parents. Only a few months ago a distressed mother appealed to the public through the English newspaper advertisement columns for advice as to how to restrain her two young daughters, who had determined to become militant suffragists in direct defiance of her wishes and commands. A policeman described in a London police court recently how he came to the assistance of a father who was being soundly thrashed by his 13-year-old son. These are, perhaps, cases typical of a tendency now becoming general among the younger generation, and it might almost be thought that the child of to-day is indeed father to the man in a different sense from that intended by the poet.

In conversation with a representative of the London "Daily Standard," a well-known London educationalist, who is also a member of the Child Study Society, suggested that the proper rearing of children was rapidly becoming a lost art. "The modern parent is an absolute child in this matter," he said. "There is no doubt at all that the 'enlightened' parent of to-day is worse than the unenlightened parent of the dark days of the early Victorian era, bad as he (or she) was. The narrow, shallow fathers and mothers of the thirties and forties, and later reared the world as potential criminals, and whacked and tyrannised them into sullen submission and spiritless obedience. The present age goes to the other extreme, and appears to regard children as little angels, for whom nothing is too good. There is too much adoring and idolising of the child now, and it is made the centre of a vast amount of sickly sentimentality. The result is that children are developing a most exalted idea of their own importance, and are not slow in using it. The child-snob, the child-prig, the child-tyrant, and the precocious child are far more numerous to-day than they ever were before. In fact, the child is simply the spoilt darling of the age.

A CHILDREN'S BANQUET.

"Parents have forgotten both what is good for children and what children like. Here is a concrete instance. A child of my own was invited to an early children's Christmas party, given by the two very spoilt little girls of a 'ten and a roupy,' I discovered afterwards, but divided into couples, a boy taking his girl partner in to dinner on his arm. The couples dined separately at little tables laid for two each, with a dainty menu, a silver vase of flowers, and an imitation 'wine list'—the fare was preserved throughout the whole evening, the adults present no doubt finding delight in watching the 'little grown ups' acting with a polish that one expects from guests at public banquets. It is in the same spirit that children are being taught ugly dances which happen to be the rage, are being overdressed in fashions which reproduce those of grown-ups, and are loaded up with expensive, complicated, and dangerous toys worked by 'real petrol' and 'real electricity,' an imitation of the aeroplanes and motor cars and Dreadnoughts and printing presses of this silly adult world of ours.

"Children do not always consciously know what they want, but they know when they haven't got it, and while a little boy is trying not to be bored with his half-horse power Blériot monoplane, his whole soul is probably crying out for a wooden horse on wheels, with fiery eyes made of common glass. He doesn't know that is what he wants, but it is. As things are he grows bored and irritable and petulant in the false atmosphere that surrounds him. Youth is being robbed of its romance and adventure. A wooden horse can be the famous steed of Jeb, or the fleeting mount of Pegasus, or the Crusader's fiery charger, or the silken-flanked pony of Titania, all with equal conviction and success, but a model motor car is simply what it is, and nothing more. A thing that is only what it is, is no good to children.

"If the misguided father of to-day would only more often consent to become an elephant for an hour—on Wednesday afternoons, for example—and a spotted leopard or a pirate on alternate Saturdays, he would find his children more healthy and grateful, and altogether more under his control than they are as a result of his expensive books and toys, and 'banquets' and grown-up entertainments.

"Children are apparently looked upon as charming spectacles, specially arranged for the sentimental edification of grown-ups; precocity is encouraged as a virtue, instead of discouraged as a vice. Child actors and child dancers and child performers of all sorts are adored; they are 'so pretty and so quaint.' There is now a terrific output of fiction and plays, in which unnatural marriage problems are presented, in which everything hinges on the all-important child; there are too many conferences about children; too many essays written about them; too much theoretical nonsense of all sorts, so that the child is being robbed of its birthright—childhood. Its very nursery in these days is often a place of double windows and art draperies, sophisticated dadoes and soft carpets, where a child instinctively fears to romp.

A PARENTS' COURSE.

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"How to discriminate between harmful precocity and natural brightness, with hints on the suppression of the former.

"General lecture on amusements which are too 'grown-up' for children; the training of the child-imagination, and methods of necessary correction."

THE FEDERAL CITY NAME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It would appear that the name Myola has been definitely fixed as the name for the Federal capital city. A transposition of the letters gives a curious result—Myola—Omaly. Is this a coincidence, a joke, or a trick—which? I am etc.,

MARK MITCHELL.

HARBOUR POLLUTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Yesterday I was picnicking with friends on the shores of our picturesque Harbour, and I want briefly to relate our experiences. We landed at one of the beautiful beaches near the Castle Rock and found it covered with putrid fish, stingarees, dog fish, and other offal, evidently left there by fishermen after drawing their nets. We had to move round to another cove, which in the distance appeared cool and inviting, but again found the same abominable state of things. Have our authorities no power to act in such a matter, and why don't they act?

Many of the stinking fish had been left above high-water mark, and it is intolerable that fishermen who have the privilege of drawing their nets in the most beautiful and frequented sandy reaches of our Harbour should be allowed to pollute those spots by their disgusting practices. I am etc.,

Jan. 16. INDIGNANT.

In making selections of horses for service in the tropics the colour line should be drawn, according to reports made by Colonel Woodruff, surgeon in the United States army. At Manila the only horses to survive after a few years are grey, white, light yellow, and roan. In 1903 100 mules were taken to the Philippines for the use of the constabulary. After seven years there were four survivors, all with black skin and snow white hair.

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ALCHIN.—The Funeral of the late Mr. ALBERT ALCHIN will take place THIS AFTERNOON, at the Methodist Cemetery, Gunning, upon arrival of mail train from Sydney.
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CRAWFORD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES CRAWFORD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved INFANT DAUGHTER, Pearl; to leave their residence, 3 Carlton-crescent, Summer hill, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for Summer Hill Station, thence Necropolis. J. BRAUER, Undertaker.

DUCKHAM.—The Funeral of Miss LILY ELIZABETH (BRENDA) DUCKHAM will move from Strafes, 2 Darley-road, Manly, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3.30 p.m., for Church of England Cemetery, at Manly.
T. WAUGH and CO.,
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92 Corso, Manly.

Telephone, 42.

FLEMING.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR KNIGHT and FAMILY, of Madeline-street, Hunter's Hill, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved FATHER and GRANDFATHER, the late Charles J. Fleming; to leave Newtown Station on SATURDAY MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.

FLEMING.—The Friends of Mrs. SARAH BARTLETT, of Reservoir-street, Surry Hills, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly-beloved BROTHER, the late Charles J. Fleming; to move from Newtown Station, on SATURDAY MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.

FLEMING.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL FLEMING and FAMILY, of Parramatta-road, Petersham, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved BROTHER and UNCLE, the late Charles J. Fleming; to leave Newtown Station on SATURDAY MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
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FLEMING.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH BACON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved UNCLE, the late Charles J. Fleming; to leave Newtown Station, on SATURDAY MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.

HART.—The Friends of the late Mr. ARTHUR and MICHAEL HART, late of Mandalong-road, Balmain, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave our Mortuary Chapel, 810 George-street, city, THIS (Friday) MORNING, at 9.30 a.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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INCHER.—The Friends of Mr. ERNEST INCHER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly beloved WIFE, Eliza, which will leave her late residence, Kiora, Meek's-road, Marrickville, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.15 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown Station.
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INCHER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Eliza Incher, which will leave her late residence, Kiora, Meek's-road, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown Station.

JOWETT.—The Friends of Mr. J. W. JOWETT and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, John William Jowett; to leave District Hospital, Parramatta, THIS FRIDAY, at 3 p.m., for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
R. METCALFE, Undertaker,
Parramatta. Telephone, 66.

KELLY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES KELLY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly-beloved MOTHER, Jane Kelly; to leave her late residence, 43 Gippsstreet, Paddington, THIS DAY, at 2.15, for Catholic Cemetery, Waverley. (No flowers.)
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KELLY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL and Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH GLEESON and FAMILIES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER and AUNT, Jane Kelly; to leave her late residence, 43 Gipps-street, Paddington, THIS FRIDAY, for Waverley Cemetery, at 2.15 o'clock.

LAWLESS.—The Relations and Friends of the late Mr. MAXIOM JOSEPH LAWLESS, of Central Avenue, Manly, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late residence, Central Avenue, Manly, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, for the R.C. Cemetery, Wollongong.
OSBORNE and SON,
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LEES.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JAMES LEES will leave the residence of his daughter, Orelda, Gould-street, Campsie, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Waverley.
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LORENTZEN.—The Friends of the late Mr. CHAS. LOUIS EMIL LORENTZEN are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 10 Castlereagh-street, city, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Waverley Cemetery.
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MCCARTHY.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES McCARTHY (ex-Sergeant of Police, formerly of Bateman's Bay) and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Mary Jane; to leave her late residence, 34 Garner's-avenue, Marrickville, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown Station.
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MCCARTHY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FRANK McCARTHY, Mr. and Mrs. FFRENCH, Mr. and Mrs. VINCENT and Mrs. ARTHUR MULDOON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Jane; to leave her late residence, 34 Garner's-avenue, Marrickville, on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood, via Newtown Station.
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MORTEL.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JAMES MORTEL will leave our Funeral PARLOURS, 10 Castlereagh-street, city, THIS MORNING, at 8.15, for Rookwood Cemetery.
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NINESS.—The Friends of Messrs. EDWARD and STEPHEN and CHARLES NINESS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved BROTHER, Edward, to leave Newtown Station, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, by 2 p.m. Funeral Train, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
F. W. HUTCHINSON, Undertaker,
JOSEPH FREDERICK COFFILL, Manager.

NINESS.—The Friends of Messrs. J. J. GILTINAN and R. PATON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Robert Niness, to leave Newtown Station, THIS AFTERNOON, by 2 p.m. Funeral Train, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

PRESGRAVE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS PRESGRAVE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Phyllis, which will take place THIS AFTERNOON, at the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood, upon arrival of 1.15 p.m. train from Moorooe Station.
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SCOTT.—The Friends of the late ELLEN HANNAH SCOTT will leave her late residence, Wanaaring, Robert-street, Ashfield, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood, via Ashfield station.
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UPTON.—Friends of the late Mrs. EMILY UPTON are kindly invited to attend her Funeral, which will leave her late residence, 50 Beaconsfield-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery.
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WOOLLER.—The Friends of Mr. W. STANTON and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly loved SISTER and their AUNT, Isabella Wooller; to leave their residence, 185 Albion-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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NEW LAND.

THE GERMAN DISCOVERY.

PROF. DAVID'S VIEWS.

MORE ABOUT ANTARCTICA.

Professor David made an interesting statement yesterday in reference to the new land on the American side of the Antarctic continent, the discovery of which by Lieutenant Filchner's German Expedition has just been announced.

"There must surely have been some error," said Professor David, "in the cablegram announcing the situation of this new land. It is stated to be in latitude 67 degrees 35 minutes south and longitude 30 degrees west. Reference to the best maps of Antarctica, as at present known, show that at the intersection of the abovementioned latitude and longitude there is a deep sea of over 2000 fathoms, which has been sailed over by Weddell (in 1823), Ross (1842), and Bruce (1904). The discoveries of Ross and Bruce proved the existence of land commencing at latitude 72 degrees south, and extending to latitude 74 degrees south. Thus the land was trending in a general south-westerly direction across the meridian of 30 degrees west.

"It was known that Lieutenant Filchner intended to run down the meridian of 30 degrees west until it intersected the continuation of this previously-discovered land. Prolonging the trend of the land found by Ross and Bruce, one would expect it to intersect the 26th meridian at about 76 degrees south latitude. Probably in the cablegram the numbers 6 and 7 describing the latitude have been transposed, and it should read 76 south.

THE "GRAND BARRIER."

"At the time Weddell was in this neighbourhood he was about at his farthest point south, 120 miles to the north-west of this land, and reported open sea lying farther south of him. After discovering the land at the point just defined, Lieutenant Filchner's party evidently struck inland direct towards the South Pole, travelling by means of sledges 270 miles south. At this southernmost point they were in latitude 79—that is, almost 800 miles from the South Pole itself. From this position they found the land trended westward until it joined what they termed the Grand Barrier.

"No exact definition is given of what is meant by the 'Grand Barrier,' but apparently the great Ross Barrier is not intended, inasmuch as it would seem, as a result of Roald Amundsen's recent discoveries, that the great Ross Barrier terminates, for the most part, near latitude 84 degrees south on the opposite side of the South Pole—that is, the side lying nearest to New Zealand—whereas the point reached by Lieutenant Filchner lies between the South Pole and South America. The Grand Barrier is probably the term applied by the German expedition to the great flat expanse of floating glacier ice bounding the Weddell Sea south-west. This, like its prototype, the Great Ross Barrier, is fed by the snowfields and ice of the far interior near the top of the dome of the Antarctic continent. The top of this dome has an altitude of about 11,000ft above sea level, with isolated peaks rising to as high as 15,000ft. The great height of the inland ice gives what, in the case of water, would be termed a great head of pressure, and under the influence of gravity the frontage of glacier ice along the southern shores of Weddell Sea is pushed far north-west, until the barrier ice, perhaps some 1200ft in thickness, is actually floating along the front, possibly several hundred miles in extent from east to west.

"It was evidently on this ice barrier front that winter quarters were established, but in this case the German expedition was less fortunate than Amundsen, who made his headquarters, at some risk, on the Great Ross Barrier, for the cablegram states that 'a spring tide cut off several square kilometres (a few square miles), including the station, but all the men were rescued.' The rescue was doubtless effected by their ship, the Deutschland. The 'Grand Barrier' is no doubt the barrier referred to in an earlier cablegram as having been called Wilhelm II. Barrier.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

"The new land christened by Lieutenant Filchner Prinz Regent Luitpold Land is an important new discovery, and a considerable advance on the earlier discoveries of Ross and Bruce. The north-eastern end of this land was named Coats' Land by Bruce. The discovery is very interesting, inasmuch as it still leaves the world in great uncertainty as to how to fill in the map of the Antarctic regions between the South Pole and the American side of the Antarctic continent known as Graham Land.

"Amundsen has recorded that those magnificent ranges known as the Antarctic Andes, which extend for over a thousand miles, from Cape Adare on the north to far beyond the point where the Devil's Glacier junctions with the great ice barrier, have a trend where they were last seen in approximately a south-south-east direction. If this front is continued it would carry these ranges straight across to Prinz Regent Luitpold Land. This would be a great surprise, if true, to most of those scientists who have attempted to construct the map of Antarctica, and who have supposed that the Antarctic Andes, from where Shackleton and Amundsen left them on their further journey towards the South Pole, trend south-easterly, and as they cross into the Western Hemisphere north-westerly, or north-north-west, to join the high ranges of Graham Land. According to this interpretation, which was strongly favoured by Dr. Mawson, the Antarctic Andes stretch without interruption from Graham Land to Cape Adare, a distance of 3000 miles.

MATTER FOR SPECULATION.

"Lieutenant Filchner's discoveries show that there is a possibility of the Andes being interrupted somewhere near 90 degrees west longitude and 85 degrees south latitude, and between the point of their interruption and Graham Land there is an archipelago of large and high islands. In this case there would be communication by sea through narrow straits continually ice-covered from Weddell Sea right across into Ross Sea, which would correspond in the case of the map of Australia to the existence of sea channels connecting the Gulf of Carpentaria with the Great Australian Bight.

"A third possible interpretation of the geography of this part of Antarctica in the light of the German discoveries is that the Weddell Sea extends southwards past 79 degrees of south latitude in the form of a vast, deep bay, corresponding to Ross Sea on the other side of the Pole, but that Weddell Sea does not intersect the Antarctic Andes at all, and is completely isolated by them from the part of Ross Sea which underlies the Great Ross Barrier.

"The discoveries of Amundsen, as well as of the Japanese expedition, under Lieutenant Shirase, show that Ross Sea is almost entirely hemmed in by large areas of low land on its south-eastern side, just as it is on its south-west. This suggests that it is improbable that there are continual ocean channels between Ross Sea and Weddell Sea.

GREAT BENEFIT TO SCIENCE.

"In any case, the geographical work of the German expedition is a very important contribution to our knowledge of the map of Antarctica, and there can be little doubt that their studies of ice conditions, meteorology, marine biology, magnetism, and oceanography will prove of great and permanent benefit to science, and will be a most important addition to the rich harvest of results already reaped by their countrymen under Professor Drygalski in their expedition in 1901 to Kaiser Wilhelm II Land, near the Antarctic circle, on the meridian of 90 degrees east."

RUSSIAN TRADE.

THE POWER OF THE FUTURE.

A NATION'S AWAKENING.

ENORMOUS POSSIBILITIES.

Perhaps the most important development of the present century has been the awakening of Russia, the vast white country which stretches without a break over half Europe and a third of Asia. As early as the 9th century a Russian fleet was harrying the coasts of the Byzantine Empire, only to withdraw into unknown and somnolent obscurity in which Richard Chancellor found the "Kingdome of Moscovia" in 1553. But from that obscurity Russia has now emerged, and the world, as a writer in the "Century" magazine remarks, is witness to the greatest economic evolution in history. "A nation of 165,000,000 people, increasing in numbers at the rate of nearly 3,000,000 a year, despite famines, wars, and the rigors of terrible winters, occupying an area of 8,450,000 square miles, is finding itself. The most powerful country of the future, will be Russia.

From her 900,000,000 acres of forest, Russia can derive enough timber to supply the world. She has already 250,000,000 acres of land under cultivation, and this area she can expand twenty-fold, and still leave virgin land for coming generations. In the last ten years her foreign trade has increased 100 per cent., both in exports and imports, and its value to-day is about £24,000,000. Her vast territories are being opened up by rail and road; education is spreading; a quarter of a million people yearly are leaving the densely settled areas for the open spaces of Siberia; manufactures are on the increase; the land and the forests are held by Russia for Russians, and settlement is a condition of purchase.

COMPLEXITIES OF GOVERNMENT.

Old as Russia is, she is one of the youngest of the great Powers, and an examination of her vast area reveals an extraordinary mass of contrasts and contradictions. Everywhere one finds the Middle Ages side by side with the most up-to-date modernity. Like Milton's primal monsters, struggling to free themselves from the clay, the Russian Government and the Russian people are still only partly emancipated from the confines of feudalism. Absolutism finds in Russia its last stronghold in Europe. The superstitions of the Dark Ages are an almost integral part of the popular religion. Russia, as the writer already quoted well puts it, "is a land which reaches from the arctic zone into the undefined boundaries of the eternally frozen north; west and east including populous cities born of yesterday, and others dating their beginning centuries ago; mountain ranges giving of their long-hidden precious metals under the persuasion of American machinery driven by American engineers, and great stretches of hundreds of miles of plain and shallow valley such as caused the American pioneers to doubt the fact that the earth was round. On this land lives a people as varied as their habitat. The big, slow-moving Russian peasant, with his ox-like strength and simplicity of character; the Tartar, the Mongol, and the Chinaman each have their place in the foreground, as the traveller covers the ten-day journey across the country by rail from west to east. Far to the south the prayer to Allah is cried from the turrets of the Russian mosque, and over 2 per cent. of the Russian people are of the Jewish faith. To harmonise this population . . . these races so different in character, needs, and actions, is a stupendous task. "But it is being done, and that with a success which not all the "pogroms," nor, yet acknowledged corruption which defiles the administration of Russia in places, seriously retards. Labour legislation is developing on much the same lines as in Germany, and the status of the Russian labourer is now not widely distinguishable from that of the labourer in other European countries. The wage he receives, it is true, is somewhat smaller wage, but conditions in the chief industrial centres of European Russia are much the same as elsewhere. Nearly 25 per cent. of all the labour strikes recorded in 1911 ended with a victory for the strikers, while 40 per cent. resulted in a compromise. The returns of Russian savings banks show a present deposit of nearly £100,000,000, and the depositors are more numerous than in any other country excepting Great Britain, Germany, and the United States.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

In 1911 exports were 32 per cent. larger than the average of the five preceding years, while imports showed an increase of 34 per cent. Customs revenues in the same year amounted to nearly 35 and a half million pounds, an increase of 20 per cent., while a profit of between three and four millions was made on the postal and telegraphic departments. This represented a profit of 51 per cent., a gain which was, however, reduced last year to 21 per cent., the service having been extended and improved. That there is still enormous room for improvement is evident when one considers that there is only one post-office for every 10,000 people, while in the Moscow province, which has a population of over 4,000,000, there are only 200 post-offices. Of the Russian export trade nearly half is of grain, foodstuffs, indeed, amounting to 45 per cent., the remainder being raw materials, animals, and manufactured or unmanufactured goods. Nearly 4½ millions of tons of wheat are annually sent from Russia to other countries, principally Holland, England, Italy, France, Germany, and Belgium. The import trade in 1911 amounted roughly to £105,400,000. Compared with the figures of the last five years, this gives an increase of 14 per cent. in foodstuffs, of 26 per cent. in raw material, and partially manufactured goods, of 112 per cent. in live stock, and of 56½ per cent. in manufactured goods. Of all this trade by far the largest share is taken by Germany, whose position in Russia, alike in trade, finance, and diplomacy, is very strong. More Russian produce is bought by Germany than by any other three countries, and from her are purchased at least half of all the imports of the Russian market. Nearly one half of Russia's export trade is despatched from Riga, in the north, but the goods originate in Moscow and other inland cities. The great shipping industry of the Baltic is shared by St. Petersburg, Libau, and other north coast points; while southwards Odessa, Batoum, and other Black Sea ports serve as outlets for southern Russia, and as avenues for the trade in the Near East. In eastern Siberia Vladivostock is destined to become an important commercial stronghold, and the entrepot by sea of Oriental products, while at the same time it will serve as the shipping-point for grain and other food products to Japanese, Chinese, and Australian and other communities in the South Seas.

The increase or decrease of trade in Russia is vitally affected by two great factors, the richness or poverty of the harvest, and the condition of the political outlook in Europe and the Near East. The unfavourable effect of war in that part of the world on Russian commerce is strikingly illustrated by the loss inflicted by the recent temporary closing of the Dardanelles. As yet business organisation is not very strong; but it is steadily improving, and the formation of chambers of commerce must in the near future have a far-reaching effect in the efficient working of the machinery of trade.

LATE MRS. SYDNEY BURDEKIN.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Burdekin, widow of the late Mr. Sydney Burdekin, took place yesterday at the Church of England cemetery, at Rookwood. A memorial service was held at St. James's Church, at 1.30 p.m., at which Rev. W. F. Wentworth Shields, assisted by the Rev. A. A. Yates, officiated. The church was crowded with the relatives and friends of the deceased lady. "O Rest in the Lord," was played as a voluntary, while the coffin was borne into the church, followed by a number of mourners.

The chief mourners were Mrs. A. Hay and Miss Alice Burdekin (daughters), Miss Freeman, and Messrs. J. Allison and A. Hay (sons-in-law).

Among those present at the church were:—Sir Albert Gould, Messrs. W. G. Layton (representing the Lord Mayor), Alfred Nathan, Eustace E. Fosbery, Louis S. Robertson, N. McHatton, J. B. Thompson, A. B. Young, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thompson J. V. Tillett, Dr. A. J. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Little and Miss Little, Messrs. Reginald Allen, William Freeman, J. T. Lingen, E. H. S. von Arnheim (Royal Mint), B. L. N., and C. C. Bossley, Mrs. Sealy Vidal, Eric Vidal, Dr. Herbert Marks, Arthur Macarthur, Dr. McKay, J. Braicobich, Walter Dixon, Forbes Angus, Rev. H. F. Severn, W. H. Mahoney, W. A. Holt, E. Penn, Bradley, H. H. Scarr, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Montgomerie Severn.

The congregation sang, "Thy Will be Done," and "Abide With Me."

Wreaths were sent by Lord and Lady Chelmsford, Rev. W. F. Wentworth Shields, Lady Hay, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. H. E. Cohen, Mr. John Knight, Mr. Arthur S. Burdekin, Mr. and Mrs. Brodie, Dr. and Mrs. Sinclair Gillies, Mr. F. S. Willis, Dr. Scheidl, Mr. Lionel W. Burdekin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomerie Severn, Mrs. and the Misses Dangar, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hay, Mr. E. P. Brailley, Mr. W. A. Roff, Mr. David Hay, Miss Freeman and Mrs. Gambol, and others.

The burial service at the graveside was attended by a large number of mourners. The late Mrs. Burdekin was born on June 20, 1837, and was, therefore, in her 56th year at the time of her death.

COUNTRY NEWS.

FIRES.

WAGGA, Thursday.

While Mr. T. P. McIntosh and his son were outside at North Wagga trying to locate a fire which had started in South Wagga, their own house took fire, it is believed, owing to a candle being left burning in one of the rooms. The premises were partly destroyed before the fire was extinguished.

THE HOSPITALS.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Representatives of the Labour faction at last night's meeting of the hospital board brought forward a series of proposals for the appointment of a new resident surgeon, the arrangement of eight-hour shifts for nurses, and for an increase of workers' contributions to the upkeep of the hospital from 3d to 6d per fortnight, and that the Government make the amount for the subsidy at least £1000 per year. The matters were referred to the new board to be elected next month.

SCHOOL OF ARTS.

NOWRA, Thursday.

The Nowra School of Arts has dispensed with the half-yearly general meeting, and incidentally the half-yearly election of committee and office-bearers. This election will henceforth take place annually.

THE CHURCHES.

CORAKI, Thursday.

A successful fair was last night held at Tuckurimba in aid of the Coraki Anglican Church Building Fund.

MUNICIPAL.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The Mayoral allowance for the ensuing year has been fixed at £100. The resignation of Mr. C. Huntingford, overseer of the waterworks, was accepted.

The municipal council has decided to undertake the beautification of King's-parade, the centre of the city, upon the citizen's committee funds being handed over.

The manager of the corporation gasworks (Mr. A. J. Ambrose) reports that during the year 1912 5208 tons of coal were carbonised, yielding 58,522,000 cubic feet of gas. This gave an average of 10,562 cubic feet per ton carbonised, the previous highest yield being 10,730 cubic feet per ton. Last year's working showed an increase of 122 cubic feet per ton, thus proving that the coal was not deteriorating in quality.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

At a special meeting of the municipal council, held on Tuesday evening, it was unanimously resolved to purchase a 12-horse power engine at a cost of £230. The engine is to be utilised for driving the metal-crushing machine recently purchased by the council.

THE SCHOOLS.

FORSTER, Thursday.

Mr. Alex. Murray, for the past nine years head master of the Forster Public School, his wife, and family, were tendered a farewell in the School of Arts prior to his departure for Campbelltown, where he has been promoted. Past and present pupils presented Mr. Murray with an address.

NOWRA, Thursday.

Mr. T. Sullivan, Public school teacher, has been transferred from Tomerong to the Penrith district. He received a testimonial from the Tomerong people. Mrs. and Miss Sullivan also received souvenirs.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

An inquest held to-day on the body of Robt. Kaires, who was killed in the Junction North mine on Tuesday night, resulted in a verdict of accidental death through being suffocated by slimes.

COOMA, Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Montague, deputy coroner, held an inquest at the Cooma Hospital touching the death of Carl Reimann, aged 42, a general labourer, whose death occurred on Tuesday night. Deceased was residing with Frederick Hain, storekeeper and dealer, and was in the store where a number of sheepskins were being treated with an arsenical solution. Reimann

BIRTHS.

McWHIRTER.—January 15, at 71 Evans-street, Balmain, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. McWhirter—a daughter (Elspeth Campbell). Both well.

SUTHERLAND.—January 15, 1913, at Pennant Hills-road, Parramatta, to Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Sutherland—a daughter.

DEATHS.

BERRY.—January 14, 1913, at her late residence, Allen, Dungog, Elizabeth, wife of the late Robert Berry, sen., aged 66 years.

BLAKENEY.—January 15, at Woolahra, Betty, infant daughter of W. B. and Rosie Blakeney, aged 3 months.

CROMMELIN.—December 17, at Natal, South Africa, William George, youngest son of the late Thomas Henry and of Margaret Crommelin, 17 Shuter-street, North Sydney.

DUCKHAM.—January 16, at Manly, Lily Elizabeth (Brenda), dearly beloved eldest daughter of William Henry and Lily Duckham, of Turramurra, Scone, aged 19 years.

HART.—January 15, 1913, at his late residence, South-parade, Auburn, Arthur Hart, son of the late William Hart, aged 39 years. Bolton, in Lancashire, England, papers please copy.

INCHER.—January 15, 1913, at her late residence, Kiora, Meek's-road, Marrickville, Eliza, dearly beloved wife of Ernest Incher, aged 38 years.

KENNEDY.—January 16, 1913, at her late residence, 22 Wharf-road, Balmain, Helen Stewart Kennedy, widow of the late William Charles Kennedy, aged 53 years.

LAWLESS.—January 16, at his late residence, Kembla Central, Unanderra, Maxiom Joseph, second eldest son of the late Thomas Lawless, senior. R.I.P.

LAWLESS.—January 16, 1913, at his residence, Central Kembla, Maxiom Joseph Lawless, age 49 years.

LEES.—January 16, at the residence of his daughter (Mrs. W. Rather, Orelia, Gould-street, Campsie), James Lees, in his 83rd year, late of Woodstock, Glenmore-road, Paddington. Home papers please copy.

LORENTZEN.—January 16, 1913, at 53 Darlinghurst-road, Darlinghurst, Chas. Louis Emil Lorentzen, after a long and painful illness, aged 57 years.

McCARTHY.—January 15, 1913, at her residence, Kenmare, 34 Garner's-avenue, Marrickville, Jane McCarthy, aged 76 years. R.I.P.

SALSBURY.—January 14, 1913, at Perth Hospital, W.A., Ernest William, beloved husband of Annie Salsbury. At rest.

SCOTT.—January 16, 1913, at her late residence, Wanaaring, Robert-street, Ashfield, Ellen Hannah, the beloved wife of William Grant Scott, aged 54 years. "He giveth unto His beloved rest."

SUTHERLAND.—January 15, at her parents' residence, Pennant Hills-road, Parramatta, Helen, infant daughter of V. E. and C. Sutherland.

WOOLLER.—January 16, 1913, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst, Isabella Wooller, late of Albion-street, Surry Hills, aged 67 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BOWDEN.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, William James Bowden, who departed this life on January 17, 1912. Inserted by his sorrowing wife and family.

BROWN.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Hannah Brown, who died January 17, 1911.
It's just two years this very day
Since our dear mother passed away.
We never knew the pain she bore,
We never saw her die,
We only know she passed away
And never said good-bye.
Inserted by her loving sons, William and Joseph Brown.

BROWN.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Hannah Brown, of Glenore-street, Canterbury, who passed away January 17, 1911.
Two years have passed, our hearts still sore,
As time goes on we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your dear, sweet face,
There's none can fill our dear mother's place.
Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Albert and Emily Brown and little granddaughter, Elsie.

BROWN.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Hannah Brown, of Glenore-street, Canterbury, who departed this life January 17, 1911. Inserted by her loving son, Arthur, and daughter, Mrs. Edith Gerard.

BROWN.—In ever-loving memory of our dear mother, Hannah Brown, who departed this life January 17, 1911. Though death divides, fond memory clings. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Annie and Alick Dolphin and grandchildren.

BROWN.—In loving memory of our dear grandmother, Hannah Brown, who departed this life January 17, 1911. Inserted by her loving grandchildren, Pearlie Gerrard; Francie, Daisy, Emily, and Thelma Dolphin; Elsie Brown, Francie Nobbs, and Willie Davis.

CLIFTON.—In loving memory of our dear father, John Gray Clifton, who died January 17, 1908, aged 45 years. At rest.
His cheerful smile and friendly grasp
Are pleasing to recall;
He had a friendly word for each,
And died beloved by all.
Inserted by his loving children, Annie, Fred, Harry, Charlie, Tom, Frank, Emma, and Albert.

DELMONT.—In loving memory of our dear son, George, who departed this life January 17, 1909.
I often sit and think of him
When I am all alone;
For memory is the only friend
That grief can call its own.
Inserted by his loving parents and brothers, Stephen and Arthur, and sisters, Bertha and Ethel.

DONOVAN.—Sacred to the memory of our dearly beloved mother, Bridget Agnes Donovan, second daughter of the late John Grace, Esq., Phoenix Park, Morpeth, N.S.W., who died January 18, 1901, aged 82 years. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, John and Elsie Donovan, 36 Caroline-street, Redfern.

DREWETTE.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, James Joseph, who departed this life January 17, 1911, aged 13 years.
The flowers we place upon your grave will wither and decay,
But the love for you who lies beneath will never fade away.
Inserted by his loving parents, brothers, and sister.

DREWETTE.—In loving memory of our dear brother, James Joseph, who departed this life January 17, 1911, aged 13 years.
You are not forgotten, dearest Jim,
Nor will you ever be.
Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Bockingham.

DREWETTE.—In loving memory of my dear nephew, who departed this life January 17, 1911, aged 13 years. God's will be done. Inserted by his loving uncle, James Gould.

EDMONDS.—In loving memory of our dear father, Joseph M. Edmonds, who died January 18, 1912. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Alice.

FIRKIN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Joseph Firkin, who passed away January 17, 1911, at Manly. Inserted by his loving wife, Zillah Firkin.

FIRKIN.—In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, Joseph Firkin, who departed this life at Manly, January 17, 1911. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Minnie and Joseph Beves, grandchildren, Vera and Iris.

FIRKIN.—In loving memory of our dear father, Joseph Firkin, who died at Manly, January 17, 1911. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Alfred and Emily Firkin.

FIRKIN.—In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather, who died at Manly, January 17, 1911. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Lucy and John Evans, grandchildren, Cyril and Myra.

FORD.—In sad and loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, who departed this life on January 17, 1912. Inserted by her mother and sisters.

FORD.—In loving memory of my dear friend, Ethel Emma Ford, who died January 17, 1913. Peace, perfect peace. Inserted by her loving friend, E. Cleary.

FORD.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Ethel, who died suddenly at Bondi, January 17, 1912. So sadly missed, dear Ett, by your loving friends and companion, Dan and Agnie Cunningham.

FULLER.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Emily Fuller, who departed this life January 17, 1911. Inserted by her loving husband, Arthur Fuller, R.I.P.

HEDGECOCK.—In loving memory of my dear wife and mother, Hannah, who departed this life January 17, 1912. Inserted by her loving husband and son and daughter-in-law, George and Florrie, and grandchild, Willie.

HEDGECOCK.—In loving memory of my dear sister Hannah, who departed this life January 17, 1912, after a long and painful illness. Peacefully sleeping. Inserted by her loving brother, A. J. Smith.

HEDGECOCK.—In loving memory of my lifelong and beloved friend, Hannah Hedgecock, who departed this life at Annandale on January 17, 1912. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her ever-loving friend, Anne O'Brien.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of our dear brother, William Johnson, who died January 17, 1910.
Farewell, our own dear brother,
Sweet thoughts of you we keep;
Although three years have passed away,
Our grief is just as deep.
Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law and nephew, Maggie, James, and Harry Harper.

LAVERY.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, who departed this life January 16, 1912. Inserted by his loving wife and family. Peace, perfect peace.

LOENNING.—In loving memory of my dear sister Florence, who departed this life January 12, 1912. Inserted by her loving sister, Clara Saxby.

McMILLAN.—In loving memory of Thelma, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McMillan, who died January 17, 1912.
A bud in heaven.
Inserted by her loving father, mother, and brothers.

POLLARD.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, Sydney Thomas, who departed this life January 17, 1908, aged 10 years and 2 months.
Tossed no more on life's rough billow,
All the storms of life are fled.
Death has found a softer pillow
For him we dearly loved.
Inserted by his loving father and mother, sisters, and brother, S. A. Pollard.

SCHAFER.—In loving memory of our dear father, Jacob Schafer, who departed this life January 17, 1906, at Brisbane. Inserted by his son and daughter-in-law, Leonard and Agnes Schafer, also daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Samuel Carlile. At rest.

WALKER.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, Annie Maria Walker, who departed this life at the Coast Hospital, January 17, 1911, aged 57 years (late of Belmore).
Short was the call she had from above,
Not a word to her loved ones could say;
She closed her eyes as a babe in its sleep,
And she silently passed away.
Inserted by her loving husband and son and daughter, Walter and Amy.

WALKER.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Annie Maria Walker, who departed this life January 17, 1911, at the Coast Hospital, aged 57 years (late of Belmore).
Dear is the grave where my dear mother lies,
Sweet is the memory that never will fade.
Flowers may fade, wither, and die,
If others forget you, dear mother, never will I.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Louie and Charlie.

WALKER.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Annie Maria Walker, who died January 17, 1911, aged 57 years. Deeply regretted. Inserted by her loving daughter, Emma.

WALKER.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Maria Walker, who departed this life at the Coast Hospital January 17, 1911, aged 57, late of Albert-street, Belmore. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren, Alice and Walter Lang, Canterbury.

WALKER.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Annie Maria, who departed this life January 17, 1911, aged 57. "Loved may wither, yea cease to be, if others forget those hearts still who." Inserted by her loving sisters, Emma and Sadie.

SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

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A HISTORIC OCCASION.

The third reading of the Home Rule Bill is a historic event in British politics. It is just twenty years ago since the second Home Rule Bill was introduced by Mr. Gladstone, and nearly thirty since his ill-fated first measure. But great changes have taken place in public opinion in England during the past two decades, and many of the old arguments are no longer applicable. The old enthusiasms and antagonisms have to a large extent disappeared, and Mr. Winston Churchill, in moving the second reading of the bill, was justified in approaching the subject as a young man who had not been moved by the prejudices of the previous generation, and desired to do justice to Ireland in the light of present-day conditions. Many of the great protagonists of 1886 and 1893 have passed away—Gladstone, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Randolph Churchill, Parnell, and a host of others; Mr. Chamberlain is off the political stage, and Lord Rosebery still ploughs his lonely furrow. Lord Morley alone, of the members of the present Cabinet, survives from both of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Ministries. The average Englishman appears to be heartily sick of the whole business, and will be glad when Parliament is able to devote its attention to legislation more intimately affecting the people of the United Kingdom. Home Rule for Ireland is one of the most notable instances of political consistency and altruism in the history of British politics. The Liberal party was, torn asunder, and remained out of power for nearly twenty years, because of its adherence to the principle of self-government for Ireland. It now has the satisfaction of having made a greater advance towards the goal it has pursued for thirty years than on any previous occasion.

The bill itself has occupied the attention of the House of Commons for a considerable period, and although the closure has been necessarily freely applied, every vital provision has been amply discussed. The main proposals have not been materially amended—an Irish Legislature controlling purely Irish affairs; subordination to the Imperial Parliament; the presence of a limited number of Irish members at Westminster; safeguards against religious or racial discrimination; a limited financial contribution from the Imperial exchequer to cover the probable deficit in Ireland, and so forth. The one really important amendment accepted by the Government providing for the system of proportional representation in the election of the Irish Senate and (to a limited extent) of the Irish House of Commons, should make for the protection of the Unionist minority, and more faithfully reflect opinion of all kinds in the Irish Legislature. The House of Lords will doubtless reject the bill—the overwhelming Unionist majority in that Chamber would be false to its most fundamental political convictions if it did not take such a course. But the position is far different from 1893, and two years hence, if the present Government remains in power, as seems probable, the bill should become law under the operation of the Parliament Act. We believe that the vast majority of the people of Australia will warmly welcome the addition of the Home Rule Bill to the Statute Book. Seventy years ago Disraeli, in a famous speech, said: "I hope the time will come when a party framed on true principles will do justice to Ireland, not by satisfying agitations, not by adopting in despair the first quack remedy that is offered from either side of the House, but by really penetrating into the mystery of this great misgovernment, so as to bring about a state of society which will be advantageous both to England and Ireland, and which will put an end to a state of things that is the bane of England and the opprobrium of Europe." The passing of the third reading of the bill by the House of Commons will have done much to solve "the mystery of this great misgovernment." Is it too much to hope that the Unionists of England and of Ireland may assist in the reconciliation of the two countries, and, when the present excitement has died away, may take their share in bringing to Irish self-government the same success as has been vouchsafed to the other self-governing parts of the Empire?

THE NAVIGATION BILL.

The most ambitious measure of the last Federal session was the Navigation Bill, and in view of the great and various interests involved, and the controversial nature of its provisions, the people of Australia might reasonably have expected that it should have been thoroughly discussed from every aspect before it was finally passed. As a matter of fact, it received even less attention than did other bills of the session. At the time we pointed out how this orgy of ill-digested legislation must bring in its train unpleasant consequences, and the complicated Navigation Bill, debated in the presence of a handful of members, and adopted in a light-hearted spirit of irresponsibility by a docile majority, is a signal instance of this. We do not for a moment condemn the bill root and branch. That portion of it which provides for the amelioration of the conditions on shipboard, for the better accommodation of the crews, and for the greater security of life at sea, must command the cordial approval of everyone. But many of the provisions which are to regulate interstate shipping, and particularly shipping which trades with the small harbours within a State, have been dictated by a praiseworthy but unpractical desire for improvement rather than by an adequate appreciation of conditions. Even more unfortunate is the attitude adopted towards the mercantile marine of countries other than Australia. Here the Federal Parliament was on exceedingly delicate ground, and it must be confessed that it has shown neither tact nor grasp of what will in the long run prove to be for the general benefit of Australia. It knew that any bill which ran counter to the regulations of the British Board of Trade could have no hope to pass unchallenged. It knew that a bill of a neighbouring dominion, which penalised British shipping, had to be modified. Yet, despite this, the Navigation Bill contains clauses which limit the power of British shipping to ply their trade in Australian waters, and make it dependent on the temporary goodwill of the Minister. It is little wonder that the Sydney Chamber of Commerce has announced its intention of protesting to the Colonial Secretary.

The Navigation Bill lays it down that ships engaging in Australian trade must conform to all local regulations governing the mercantile marine. That is to say, once a boat arrives in Australian waters it must, if it wishes to carry passengers between Australian ports, pay the local scale of wages to its crew, and provide the local standards of accommodation. This will be in most cases inconvenient; in many impossible. It is true that the Minister may grant an exemption certificate, but there is nothing to say that he must do so, or will do so. It appears to be a matter for his own individual caprice. The result of these clauses is obvious; if rigorously enforced (and there is no guarantee that they will not be enforced) they will debar overseas shipping from the interstate trade. This prospect might be viewed with more equanimity if it affected only foreign shipping, but it does not. If the Minister so decrees, we shall be the future be utterly forbidden to travel from port to port in Australia under the British flag. This is an amazing, not to say impudent, proposition coming from a country whose integrity depends entirely upon the British navy. We are willing to profit by the existence of the British fleet; in fact, we live under its protection; yet we are ready to deny the British mercantile marine any share in our local trade. For sheer effrontery such an attitude can hardly be equalled. It is not as if the competition of the British lines affected our local lines prejudicially. It does not, for there is enough for all. The class of trade is radically different, and even were there some risk of fewer travelling by local boats, it would not justify the step which the Federal Parliament has compelled us to take. The Government seems to have been completely oblivious of our position in the world: moreover, it has forgotten that the sword it is wielding is double edged. If we penalise British shipping we can hardly expect Britain not to resent it, and she has powers of retaliation infinitely greater than ours of offence. It is extremely unfortunate that those responsible for the measure were unwilling to listen to advice. They refused, and now that the matter has gone so far it can only be hoped that the protest of the Chamber of Commerce will not be in vain.

MR. NIELSEN'S RESIGNATION.

Mr. Nielsen has published in the press of his former electorate an announcement of his resignation of his seat in Parliament, and a summary of his reasons for the step he has taken. Briefly, those reasons are, that as he disapproves of the land policy of his ex-colleagues of the Ministry and the Labour party—a difference which led to his retirement from the Ministry—he has no inclination to remain further in active political life. The most interesting feature of this announcement is to be found, not in what it says, but in what it omits to say. And the most important omission is its failure to offer any explanation of Mr. Nielsen's delay in resigning his seat and of his action in thus disfranchising his constituency for so long a period. The reasons he assigns would have been more than sufficient to induce him to resign at the time of his breach with his colleagues and his retirement from the Ministry. But he offers no explanation—far less any justification—of the motives which led him to defer his resignation for so many months, or of the purpose of his inaction. The reason is obvious. Mr. Nielsen can offer no explanation other than one, in the face of which he and his political allies of the Labour party would stand self-condemned. The breach with Mr. Nielsen placed the Government in an awkward position. If he remained in Parliament as private member, holding strong convictions against an important branch of policy, he might have endangered a slender majority by voting against the Government on a vital division. If he resigned his seat, the position from the Ministerial point of view might have been worse still. For, had the electorate returned an Opposition supporter, the Government majority would have vanished, and its days have been numbered. A way out of the difficulty was found by the device of sending him to America on a public commission, so framed as to avoid the necessity of his resignation. For while extravagant payments were made to him in the performance of his duties, they were by way of expenses, and not of salary.

The arrangement was most serviceable to both parties. The Government staved off the evil day of a by-election, and, in addition, got rid of a possible opponent, while Mr. Nielsen reaped the very considerable pecuniary advantage of drawing both his Parliamentary salary and liberal payments for expenses. True, such an appointment was in flagrant breach of the spirit, if not the letter, of the constitutional rule that no member of Parliament may hold an office of profit under the Crown. But that presented no difficulty and caused no qualms to a Ministry which regards the continuance of its enjoyment of the sweets of office as of far greater importance than the observance of the principles of constitutional practice, and of political morality. And with a callous indifference to public opinion, unexampled in the history of the State, Ministers made and renewed an appointment which was utterly at variance with the well-established standards of administration, and committed one of the gravest of the many scandals which have marked their tenure of office. But the need for the continuance of this unholy device has passed. Parliament has been prorogued, and its prorogation will doubtless be extended to cover practically the whole of the period which must elapse before its dissolution by effluxion of time. And so Mr. Nielsen has at last resigned, and with delightful irony publishes to his constituency the reasons for his retirement, which we have noticed. We venture to think that in them the electors of Yass will find little consolation for the disadvantages that they have suffered by their disfranchisement for so long a period, and will appraise at its true value the assumption of political rectitude with which Mr. Nielsen's explanation is invested.

WATER AND SEWERAGE AND THE GOVERNMENT.

The serious disagreement between the Water and Sewerage Board and the Government as to the financial claims of the services concerned deserves public attention. It also deserves a very definite handling one way or the other by the Government. In effect, the position is quite simple. On the one hand is the rapid suburban development of Sydney, demanding, obviously, the increased care of the Water and Sewerage Board. On the other hand is the condition of the State exchequer, and its inability, especially, to meet that demand. The question thereupon arises as to how far the Government considers the water and sewerage provision as a service vitally necessary to the city, and how far, in order to maintain that service, it is prepared to curtail other and less vital expenditure. It seems clear enough that there is not sufficient money to go round. The Government is faced with various national schemes, some of them of the greatest value. Their realisation calls for a very heavy aggregate expenditure, so heavy, indeed, as to confront the Government with an insoluble problem. Various reasons account for this state of affairs. For one thing, the Government has been over-eager to make the pace. Its desire for reputation as the greatest reforming agency ever seen is finding it out. Its condemnation of other preceding Governments on the score of their sloth in reform is discovered as somewhat hasty. It is involved in confusion because, hoping to show itself as equal to all those neglected tasks, it has tried to do too many things at once.

But on the other hand, the Government should not be too quickly condemned on that count. Unquestionably there are many things which should have been done long ago, and it is not this Government's fault that they now clamour with one voice for place in the scheme of national reform. The only way out of a difficulty in which congestion of need and shortage of money are hopelessly irreconcilable elements is the way of discrimination. Some of the lesser needs will have to remain such until the greater needs are met. The water and sewerage services are unquestionably of the first importance. They may be curtailed by the withholding of financial provision, but they can only be so curtailed at the cost of obvious consequences. The building development of suburban Sydney will meet with a check. The vigorous speculation in building land, which is now a normal state of things, will similarly suffer disadvantage—perhaps with no great ultimate loss to our stability. But in as far as the limitation of the Water and Sewerage Board's activities affects the public health, it is a concern that cannot be put by. There, indeed, is the foundation principle governing this crisis. Such development work as is necessary to the public health must go on at all costs. Such work as can be delayed with safety will have to be delayed. There is some justice in both sides of the argument as to expenditure. Given a rapidly growing city, the amount necessary for this year will be insufficient for next year. But given a shortage of money, it is essential that a great spending department redouble its care in financing itself. The Water and Sewerage Board has every claim upon the liberality of the Government in that its expenditure commands a solid revenue. The Government has some claim upon the patience of the Water and Sewerage Board, in that other important requirements of this State have grown to unmanageable dimensions. The trouble should be met by reasonable compromise on both sides.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

Conservatorium of Music.—The advisory committee appointed by the Minister for Education in connection with the Conservatorium of Music met yesterday afternoon at the Department of Public Instruction, and affirmed the suitability of the sketch plans prepared for the conversion of the buildings at the entrance to Government House grounds. The departmental architect will now proceed with its preparation of plans in detail. Mr. Carmichael remarked that he could not understand the opposition shown in a few quarters to the proposal to establish the conservatorium on such an ideal site, for it was that part of Government House grounds which everybody agreed should be thrown open to the public, whatever opinion might be held concerning Government House itself.

An Officer Superseded.—Commander G. C. Hardy, late officer-in-charge of the Williamstown (Vic.) naval depot, left for England by the steamer Orontes on January 8. The reason for his departure is, it is said, trouble with the Commonwealth Naval Board over the promotion of an officer, which advancement the commander thought was deserved; the board, however, disagreed, and relations between the board and the commander became strained, and culminated in his being superseded. Commander Hardy was a brilliant officer, and prior to coming to Australia was for a time in command of the War College at Sheerness. He will make a report to the Imperial authorities on his arrival home.

Macquarie-street Widening.—The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Mr. F. Flowers, M.L.C.), who made a courtesy call on the Lord Mayor yesterday, took occasion to express his gratification at the great improvement that had been effected by the council in Macquarie-street, where the railings in front of the Botanic Gardens from the entrance to the Domain to Government House gates have been set back, and the dividing line of the gardens from the public thoroughfare thrown back into alignment with the front of the Mitchell Library. He expressed the hope that the widening would eventually be continued along to Circular Quay, and said that if the council would undertake that improvement the Government would co-operate. The Premier (Mr. M'Gowen), discussing the same matter a few years ago, expressed similar sentiments.

Advertising Australia.—Mr. T. Brown, M.P., has been informed by the Minister for External Affairs that some time ago arrangements were made with the British Foreign Office by the High Commissioner to place British consuls in a position to give general information concerning Australia. For this purpose Sir George Reid undertook to supply the consuls with copies of pamphlets regarding emigration and the prospects of emigrants in Australia. These pamphlets have been translated into French and German, and are now in course of distribution. Consuls are also being supplied with a variety of other information.

Promotion Declined.—As a general rule, whenever a first-class school becomes vacant, there are numerous candidates. This is scarcely to be wondered at, when it is remembered that there are between 5000 and 6000 teachers, and only about 70 first-class schools. Locality has something to do with it, however, for the positions of head master of two first-class schools at Broken Hill have been declined by at least three or four teachers to whom the positions were offered. The practice of the department is to offer the school to the teacher highest on the list for promotion. If he declines, is is offered to the second man, and so on. The trouble is that each teacher takes some time to make up his mind, and so delay is unavoidable. To get over the difficulty, the department is now inviting applications from unmarried first-class teachers for these positions; while either first-class or second-class teachers may apply for the second-class at Cobar, or the third-class school at Bourke. Teachers so frequently complain of the few opportunities that occur in the service for promotion, that the disinclination to take a first-class school is somewhat strange.

The Dentist in War.—Mr. A. W. Cleary, speaking at the annual meeting of the Dental Association of New South Wales last night, said that the association had offered to equip an honorary dental corps, but Senator Pearce had rejected the proposal. Surely the first principle of defence was to protect the defenders. Mr. Cleary went on to state that 44 per cent. of the casualties in the Russo-Japanese war were said to have been connected with fractures of the jaw. "It is difficult to believe," he added, "that these great democrats, who professed to have the interests of the general public at heart, should have declined such a great offer. The democratic Government has given no help to the association."

Dangerous Building Operations.—Under section 106 of the Sydney Corporation Act of 1902 it is provided that "every person who blasts or causes to be blasted any stone or rock within the city without a written license under the hands of the city surveyor shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding £10 or less than £1." The Lord Mayor states that if the contractor in each case, as is no doubt the fact, causes the blasting, and this can be proved, the contractor can be fined in every case where no written license has been issued by the city surveyor. The Lord Mayor has given positive instructions to the responsible officers that proceedings are to be taken in every case where blasting operations are carried out, either by summoning the person who puts the blast into operation or the contractor under whose authority it is done. Another matter which has been engaging the attention of the Lord Mayor is the danger to the public caused by hoisting material over public ways, and he has given instructions that all hoisting operations must be conducted so as to be within the alignment of the building, and that no hoisting of any material can be permitted over a public way.

A New Temptation.—At a meeting of the State council of the New South Wales Alliance on Monday, a discussion took place in regard to the recent development among some large drapery firms, which have in some cases secured and in others are attempting to secure, licenses for the sale of intoxicating wine in connection with their catering departments. The council was unanimous in deploring "this development of the trade in strong drink," and a resolution was passed to that effect. A point was made of the fact that the New South Wales Liquor Act allows no child in a drinking place, but it was pointed out "that ladies, who with their children visit the tea rooms of the drapery emporiums, will be subject to the very temptations which legislation is intended to obviate."

First Offenders.—"I have read with interest the criticism in Wednesday's 'Herald' of the administration of the first offenders' provisions of the Crimes Act," said the Minister for Justice, Mr. Hall, yesterday. "I don't think there is very much to complain of in this connection. No doubt, occasionally a person who is found guilty gets the benefit of the Act which was not intended to apply in such a case. This may arise—as, if one may accept the explanation offered by 'Citizen' in to-day's 'Herald,' regarding one of the cases quoted in the article under review—from the fact that the magistrate is not informed of the previous misdoings of the accused persons. A man is found guilty. He says it is his first offence, and that his character has been good up to date. If this is not contradicted in any way magistrates cannot be blamed for applying the Act. There are some people who are able to combine successfully a good reputation with a bad disposition, but personally I am convinced that the number is very few, and that not many are classed as first offenders who, although not previously convicted, have really been engaged in a long career of wrongdoing. I am bringing the article in question under the notice of the Stipendiary Bench, the members of which will, no doubt, give the subject the consideration which its importance warrants."

Tending the Lambs.—Mr. W. A. Grubb, one of the most noted buyers of prime stock in the Homebush market, was yesterday engaged in cleaning out several troughs of slimy water in the lamb pens at the Homebush yards. He saw some very prime lambs in a pen that seemed to need a drink; but they would not touch the water in the trough, so he scooped out the dirty water, cleaned the trough with his hands, clean water automatically filled in, and the lambs trooped and enjoyed a good drink that they so sorely needed. After performing that kindly service for one lot, he proceeded to other pens, and with some assistance made clean water to flow where stagnant, slimy water was all that was available for the stock therein. His remark was "that it was bad enough for dozens of pens to be destitute of troughs, and too bad for the troughs with water to be too dirty for the lambs to drink."

BRITISH SCIENTISTS.

COMING CONGRESS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Now that the deliberations of the Australian scientists have been brought to a close, attention is being directed to the arrangements which are being made for holding an impressive congress in Australia during 1914. It is announced that the grant of £15,000 which has been given by the Commonwealth Government is intended to pay the passages to Australia of 150 official representatives from all parts of the Empire, and it is hoped that the visitors will remain in the Commonwealth for some time.

The Premier of Victoria (Mr. Watt) has intimated that he is favourable to granting a free railway pass to Mr. A. C. Rivett, the organising secretary of the movement, so as to facilitate the making of arrangements for the congress, and it is likely that a similar concession will be granted in other States.

Among the visits which will be made by the scientists during their stay in Australia will be Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne, and Brisbane. A special tour of Tasmania will probably be organised. A few members of the party will, it is expected, pay a flying visit to Western Australia, and an inspection of the Northern Territory is also spoken of.

PERSONAL.

The Minister for Education and Labour (Mr. Carmichael) leaves for the South Coast to visit a number of schools on Saturday. While at Wollongong he will attend an aggregate meeting of the miners.

Mr. M'Bride, the Victorian Minister for Works, who has been appointed Agent-General for his State, was in Sydney yesterday, saying good-bye to his Sydney friends in the Ministry. Mr. M'Bride took a prominent part in the border railway proposals between New South Wales and Victoria, and he said yesterday that the scheme approved by both Governments would shortly be put into operation. He will sail for England next month in a P. and O. liner.

Mr. Justice Street arrived at Sydney from Fremant

BALKAN PROBLEM.

ALLIES MARK TIME.

RUSSIA AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

The representatives of the allies met to-day to consider the situation, and they decided to await the reply of the Porte to the joint Note of the Powers before presenting their Note.

VIENNA, Jan. 16.

The "Neue Freie Presse" states that Russia was the real inspirer of the collective Note of the Powers to Turkey, as she desired to fortify her influence in Sofia, by procuring Adrianople for Bulgaria.

France and Britain, the paper adds, supported the Russian initiative, and Austria and Germany adhered to it reluctantly, wishing to prevent any antagonism between the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance; but they succeeded in eliminating the idea of the forcible coercion of Turkey.

RUSSIAN PRECAUTIONS.

VIENNA, Jan. 16.

The "Reichspost" states that Russia is constructing extensive entrenchments on the left bank of the river Vistula, which forms part of the boundary between Galicia and Russian Poland.

AUSTRIANS FIRE ON SERVIAN BOAT.

BELGRADE, Jan. 16.

Austrian troops fired on and damaged a Servian cargo boat opposite Semendria, on the Danube, 26 miles from Belgrade.

ROUMANIA AND BULGARIA.

BUCHAREST, Jan. 16.

In view of alarmist reports that have gained currency it has been officially announced that the negotiations between Bulgaria and Roumania are proceeding formally, and that there is no justification for the prevailing uneasiness.

TURKISH NAVAL EXPLOIT.

ATHENS, Jan. 16.

The Turkish cruiser Medjideh slipped out of the Dardanelles during a fog on Tuesday night, and, eluding the Greek destroyers, reached Syra, an island of the Grecian Archipelago, at noon the following day.

She promptly bombarded the magazines, coal depot, and electric power station at Hermoupolis, which is one of the busiest of Grecian seaports.

The magazines and depot sustained no damage, but the electric power station was wrecked.

The Greek auxiliary cruiser Macedonia, which was moored at the quay, undergoing repairs, had 15 shells fired at her, and her commander, after ordering her crew ashore, sank the vessel, in order to prevent her destruction.

One man and a woman were killed at the coal depot.

Eventually the Medjideh sailed in the direction of Asia Minor.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

THE IMPERIAL CHAIN.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. H. L. Samuel, Postmaster-General, stated that the Government would give immediate effect to the recommendations contained in the interim report of the committee appointed to inquire into the Marconi contract in regard to the Imperial chain of wireless stations.

He said that it would purchase the sites indicated, and also appoint a committee of experts to report on the respective merits of the existing wireless systems.

POLITICS IN SPAIN.

KING'S PERSONAL INQUIRIES.

MADRID, Jan. 15.

King Alfonso received in audience Senhor Ascarate, the Republican leader.

The latter stated subsequently that the King favoured the extension of the franchise, religious toleration, old-age pensions, and the liberalisation of educational facilities.

CRIME IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 16.

Two unknown men assassinated Debendra Ghose, a political suspect, in Eastern Bengal.

The police recently arrested 13 men who were preparing a political dacoity, and it is believed that Ghose's companions thought that he had given information to the police which resulted in the arrests.

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Her Majesty's Theatre: "Floradora," 8.

Criterion Theatre: "Milestones," 8.

Theatre Royal: "Faust," 7.45.

Palace Theatre: "The Parish Priest," 8.

Adelphi Theatre: "The Monk and the Woman," 7.50.

National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 8.

The Lyceum Theatre: Spencer's Theatrescope, 8.

Zoological Gardens: 9.30 to 5.

Lyric Theatre: Moving Pictures, 11 to 11.

The Gaiety and Olympia, Oxford-street; West's Pictures.

Criterion and Empress Theatres: Moving Pictures, 11 to 11.

American Picture Palace, Pitt-street: 11 to 11.

Crystal Palace, George-street; 11 to 11.

Bud Atkinson's Wild West: 2.30 and 8.

Lawn Tennis: British Isles v Australia, Double Bay, 2.30.

HOME RULE.

THE THIRD READING.

A GREAT DEBATE.

MR. BALFOUR'S AMENDMENT.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

In the House of Commons last night, on the motion for the third reading of the Home Rule Bill, Mr. A. J. Balfour moved an amendment, with a view to the rejection of the measure. The occasion was marked by characteristic speeches from both Mr. Balfour and Mr. Asquith.

WORTHLESS SUPPORT.

The ex-leader of the Opposition confessed that the Government was supported by substantial majorities, but the discussion of the measure had been carried on in a manner making the value of its support worthless.

"It reminds one," he said, "of the old comedies where the chief schemer invited his subordinates to carry out his policy by giving them different versions of his objects."

The Government had promised the Nationalists nationality, the British people peace, and the taxpayer economy. It had also told the all-round Home Ruler that all-round Home Rule would be a step towards the disintegration of the United Kingdom, but it had told the Imperialists that it would be a step towards the unity of the Empire.

They had all been duped, he said, and the greatest dupes were the Nationalists and the British people.

A DANGEROUS WEAPON.

Continuing, he said that the Irish had been given a dangerous weapon wherewith they might secure their real ambition—full-fledged nationality. The bill also gave them rights too great for Great Britain's fiscal interests. The Government, on the other hand, had done its utmost to deprive the Irish Parliament of what every self-governing dominion possessed. In any case, friction and strife would result from them getting too much or too little.

He derided the constitutional architects of the Government, who, he said, had searched the world, only to create an abortive federalism.

He sketched Ulster's reasons for its opposition to Home Rule. History, he said, had shown that a mixture of religion and politics always proved injurious to the minority. While no one believed that there would be a recrudescence of the old style of persecution, yet each age possessed its own methods of persecution. Ulster was there to be taxed.

CRIME-STAINED RECORDS.

He added that Ulster knew the crime-stained record of the men who were to be its masters, and it was not unreasonable that it should refuse to be placed under these men. The fact that the bill needed safeguards justified Ulster's attitude.

He was shocked at the utter and dangerous want of comprehension of the Ulster problem, and he warned the House that if calamities arose, if blood were spilled—which God forbid—then the real assassins would be those who never had had the courage to face the situation.

MR. ASQUITH'S REPLY.

The Prime Minister, on rising to reply, was accorded an ovation.

He said that Mr. Balfour had conveniently ignored the fact that the Irish movement had passed from sentiment and effort to an organised and practically inevitable reality.

Apparently, he said, the only people who were not dupes were Mr. Balfour's friends, who were just now going through an experience in the science of political union. (Laughter.) Given perversity on the one side and pedantry on the other, any constitution could be wrecked in a week.

A PERMANENT DEMAND.

He lectured the ex-leader of the Opposition for taking the Act of Union as his starting point. He had to look further back to understand the genesis of the Irish question, and the demand for self-government. That demand was the organised, articulate, and permanent expression of the vast majority of the Irish people, and he declared that if the bill was rejected the insistent demand for Home Rule would remain undiminished.

He twitted Mr. Balfour as a master of the art of manufacturing false dilemmas. He was not troubled by such criticism of the Constitution as declared it to be neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring.

ULSTER'S CLAIM.

If he could meet Ulster's claim, whether it were founded on justice or even misapprehension, without inflicting injustice on the whole of Ireland, he would gladly do so; but it would be absolutely fatal to democratic government to concede the claim, because it came from a minority.

He pointed out that apart from the ample safeguards in the bill, two factors would operate most strongly, namely, interest and commonsense.

Mr. Balfour's prediction of disaster, as remarked, was a repetition of a similar one that had preceded the granting of self-government to the Transvaal.

"BANEFUL INFLUENCES."

He calculated that the bill would end the secular quarrel, and was convinced that it would exorcise the baneful influences which had hitherto kept Great Britain and Ireland apart, and that it would establish permanent unity.

The House listened to the Prime Minister's speech in absolute silence; but when he resumed his seat he was loudly cheered by the Liberals and Nationalists.

A MESSAGE OF PEACE.

Mr. W. O'Brien (Independent Nationalist) said that the financial clauses of the bill left the Irish Parliament with only shadowy taxation powers; but the measure was regarded as a sincere and courageous message of peace.

The adjournment of the debate was secured by Sir J. A. Simon, Solicitor-General.

Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionists, was absent from the House, owing to his wife's illness.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BALFOUR.

On Mr. Balfour entering the House he was cheered by the Unionists, and then by the Liberals.

The latter intended this demonstration as a tribute to the re-adoption by the Unionist party of tariff reform, as originally advocated by Mr. Balfour.

IN THE LORDS.

The Duke of Devonshire will move the rejection of the Home Rule Bill in the House of Lords.

NAVAL SECRETS.

TRIAL OF PARROTT.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

George Charles Parrott, a dismissed gunner, formerly attached to H.M.S. Pembroke, who was last month committed on a charge of conveying official secrets to a foreign Power, was placed on trial yesterday.

Accused denied the allegation that he had disclosed naval information to Germany. He admitted that he had told lies in accounting for certain bank notes in his possession, and in regard to his meeting a man at Ostend, but said he had told them in order to screen a woman, who used to take his name as a nom de plume.

THE QUEENSLAND LOAN.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

Tenders for the Queensland £2,000,000 4 per cent. loan have been closed. The underwriters will take 81 per cent. of the issue.

MARITIME MISHAPS.

A LONG LIST.

THE SNOWDON RANGE.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

The steamer Snowdon Range, which was towed to Queenstown with a broken rudder, after being 50 days out from Philadelphia, and later drifted ashore in the gale, has been refloated and brought into the inner harbour.

WRECK OF A BARQUE.

The Russian barque California was dashed on the rocks on the Northumberland coast, and 10 of the crew were drowned.

CLAN MACKENZIE FOUNDERS.

The steamer Clan Mackenzie, 5018 tons, while bound from London to Colombo, became stranded off Cadiz, and subsequently foundered, the loss being estimated at £250,000.

A RUDDERLESS LINER.

HALIFAX (NOVA SCOTIA), Jan. 15.

The liner Abyssinia has arrived in port safely. She had been adrift rudderless for some time in the Atlantic, but repairs were eventually effected.

Sensational reports were prevalent at first as to her safety.

Incoming liners report that terrific gales were encountered in mid-Atlantic.

THE STEAMER URANIUM.

The steamer Uranium, which went ashore on a rocky ledge 10 miles from Halifax, on Monday, is still on the rocks.

A BARQUE WRECKED.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

The barque Marechal de Noailles (2707 tons), bound from Glasgow to New Caledonia with a cargo of coke, has been wrecked off Minehead. All the members of the crew are safe.

EXPLOSION IN A STEAMER.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

Five firemen have been killed by the explosion of a boiler on the French steamer Madonna (5633 tons), off the Azores.

SWEDISH STEAMER FOUNDERS.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

The Swedish steamer Neptunus (1324 tons) has foundered on the Dogger Bank, and all hands have been lost.

SONOMA'S TAILSHAFT BROKEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.

A wireless message, relayed from Suva, states that the steamer Sonoma has broken her starboard tail-shaft, and is proceeding slowly on her voyage with her port propeller.

A wireless message was received in Sydney yesterday from the steamer Sonoma, which left here for San Francisco on Saturday last, stating that she had struck some submerged wreckage, and had strained the starboard tail shaft.

The message, which was received by Mr. A. Sproul, managing agent for the Oceanic Steamship Company, was sent by Captain Trask, of the Sonoma, and stated that the steamer was 870 miles from Pago Pago, Samoa, when the accident occurred. Fortunately the Sonoma is a twin-screw steamer, and the message stated that she would go along at about 12 knots with the port engine.

Captain Trask also stated that he would reach Pago Pago on Sunday next, and that, apart from the starboard engine being out of commission until San Francisco was reached, everything would go along as usual, and the steamer would arrive at her destination about five days behind her time-table date.

Mr. Sproul, when seen yesterday, said there was no cause for alarm, as the vessel had two screws and separate sets of engines. Probably the wreckage struck by the Sonoma was a floating log from one of the many lumber boats which cross the Pacific from the West Coast of America. The steamer was due at San Francisco on January 21, but, although she would be late in arriving there, Mr. Sproul did not see any reason why she should not be despatched from Sydney next trip on her time-table date, namely, March 8. The Oceanic Company kept spare parts ready at San Francisco, and any damage which had been sustained would be speedily repaired.

The distance between Pago Pago and San Francisco is 4340 miles, and from Pago Pago to Honolulu, which is the next port of call, 2240 miles.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

CASE OF HUGH TREVANION.

THE DISPUTED WILL.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

Mrs. Trevanion, mother of the late Mr. Hugh Trevanion, and several doctors repeatedly warned the deceased of the danger of his habit of taking veronal. He lived much apart from the family.

Mr. Muir, on behalf of the Crown, at the second inquest, stated that Trevanion had been in the habit of taking a cachet containing seven grains of veronal in order to induce sleep. He sometimes took a second cachet, but it was impossible for him to have taken 21 in error.

He added that the statement of Mr. E. A. Roe, who lived with the deceased at Hove, was the only proof that he took the drug prior to unconsciousness.

Five caveats have been lodged against Trevanion's will. With the exception of legacies amounting to £1550 the will provided that the whole of deceased's fortune of £80,000 was to go to Roe or to various hospitals, if Roe predeceased him.

Roe and Trevanion lived together in sumptuous apartments at Hove, and Trevanion's sole hobby was to secure decorative effects and collect art treasures.

Trevanion met Roe two years ago aboard a liner, of which the latter was an officer. Trevanion was seriously ill during the voyage, and Roe nursed him, a fact which resulted in the closest friendship between the two.

Roe is now living at Swansea.

EDUCATION REFORM.

VISCOUNT HALDANE'S SPEECH.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

In the House of Commons last night the Prime Minister stated that Viscount Haldane's recent speech in regard to education reform had merely indicated the general principles which the Government had in view, and he added that the attainment of those principles would be gradual.

The Primate, speaking at Folkestone last night, welcomed the scheme outlined by Viscount Haldane, and declared that he was prepared to co-operate with the Government in the realisation of it. He supported the Scottish system wherein religion was interwoven with secular education.

AN UNSOLVED TRAGEDY.

MYSTERY OF A SKELETON.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

A human skeleton was found under a tiled footpath at a residence in Poole, a Dorset seaport, which for years had been occupied by an old man named Westbeare, who died recently.

An inquest which was held revealed that a son of deceased, aged 40, had been missing since a visit he made to his father in 1905.

When his mother inquired as to his whereabouts, the father replied: "Do not have any fear, your son is at rest."

Neighbours gave evidence to the effect that Westbeare frequently kept watch in the yard all night.

The jury returned an open verdict.

A DELUGE.

FLOODS IN QUEENSLAND.

TERRIFIC RAINFALLS.

LARGE AREAS SUBMERGED.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Showery weather conditions again prevailed to-day in the city and surrounding districts.

A telegram to the Commissioner for Railways from Maryborough this morning stated that heavy continuous rain fell throughout that district during the past 48 hours. The water was over the rails at Wetheron, and also on the main line at 175 miles, near Torbanlea. The water was rising rapidly at Salt Water Creek Bridge, at 168 miles on the main line.

A later wire stated that the water was 2ft over the bridge and still rising, all traffic being blocked.

Another advice stated that Bundaberg had advised a rainfall of 1694 points in the last 24 hours. The Burnett River was rising fast, and preparations were being made to clear the wharfs.

Gayndah reported the Burnett River in flood there. The telegram records an extraordinary fall of 18 inches 19 points at Rosedale in 24 hours to 9 o'clock this morning.

Goodwood had 12 inches, and Colton 10 inches.

RAILWAY INTERRUPTION.

In a telegram received this afternoon, the traffic manager at Maryborough stated that he had returned with the deputy engineer from an inspection of the line between Croydon Junction and Colton, and found two feet of water over Saltwater Creek bridge, on the Bundaberg line. The line was blocked at Colton, and the trains were unable to cross. One train up and another down have been cancelled.

Another telegram stated that the line was impassable at Saltwater Creek Bridge. Aldershot water was running strongly and rising. The water was also over the rails at several places between Colton and Bundaberg. The morning mail train from Brisbane to Bundaberg was blocked at Maryborough, and the mail train from Gladstone to Brisbane, which was due this morning, was blocked at Bundaberg.

The chief stationmaster at Gympie wired that the Mary River had risen 12 feet, and was still rising at the rate of 18 inches per hour. It had been raining incessantly for 36 hours.

THIRTY INCHES OF RAIN.

BUNDABERG (Q.), Thursday.

A total of nearly thirty inches has been recorded here during the last 48 hours. The water has been over the wharfs at Bundaberg since 9 o'clock this morning, and is rising at the rate of nine inches an hour. The Kolan River is in heavy flood, and lowlying canelands will suffer.

Childers reports all the creeks flooded. The water is over the bar in the Appletree Creek Hotel. Lowlying country around Horton is under water.

The country at Gayndah is in a flooded state.

RIVER RISES 23 FEET.

It was still raining heavily at 9 o'clock to-night, with no signs of clearing.

The river is up 23ft, being 5ft higher than the flood of 1911. Goods on the wharfs were cleared by orders at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Only the tops of the wharf sheds are visible. The naval and other boatsheds are submerged.

Boats were plying in Targo-street in the city at midday, the water between the Gympie and Maryborough hotels being 10ft deep. Traffic on the main road Kennedy Bridge to East Bundaberg was suspended, the water being 5ft deep.

Many washaways have occurred in Georges-street.

Residents of East Bundaberg are getting about in boats. With few exceptions North Bundaberg is under water. At Avondale three families were compelled to abandon their homes.

STORMS OFF COAST.

KYARRA IN A GALE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

A heavy south-easterly gale was raging off the coast yesterday, shipping movements being considerably hampered. The A.U.S.N. steamer Kyarra, which left Cairns last Saturday for Melbourne, and which should have arrived to-day, has been considerably delayed. After rounding Cape Capricorn the Kyarra fell in with a heavy gale, and a wireless message received at 9 o'clock to-night stated that a heavy south-easterly gale was raging, the weather being very thick and heavy. Rain was falling, and the ship had anchored 14 miles north-west of Bustard Head, being unable to proceed till the weather cleared. The steamer Esmeralla which left on Tuesday for Maryborough and Rockhampton, is still anchored off Double Island. The Arawatta arrived from Sydney shortly after 10 o'clock to-night.

SPECIAL REPORT.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The following special advice was issued by the divisional officer at 10 o'clock to-night:—"A few observations at 9 p.m. show that pressure is being steadily maintained over the extreme south-east of Queensland and the ocean adjacent, and that the tropical disturbance has made no further progress. The sky is overcast south from Bowen. Rain is falling steadily to-night at almost every station south from Broadsound, while the wind at Cape Capricorn has again increased to a strong gale with a high sea. At Double Island Point there was a moderate to fresh gale at 9 o'clock. The rainfall in Brisbane to-day was 33 points."

FITZROY TRAGEDY.

VAGRANCY CHARGE.

MAN AND WOMAN ARRESTED

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The only new development to-day in connection with the murder of Arthur Trotter at Fitzroy was the arrest of a man and woman on a charge of vagrancy.

At 10 o'clock detectives paid a surprise visit to a house in Casseiden-place, off Little Lonsdale-street. A woman responded to their knock at the front door, and on going inside the detectives seized and handcuffed a man who was in bed. Both he and the woman were then conveyed in a cab to the detective office, Russell-street, and in separate rooms were submitted to long interviews. Nothing, however, that would assist the detectives in proving the identity of the two men who shot and robbed Trotter was obtained from the replies that the man and woman gave to the questions put to them.

The detectives at 4 o'clock in the afternoon locked the man and woman up at the Russell-street police station on charges of having no lawful means of support. They will appear at the City Court to-morrow. Meanwhile the detectives are pursuing their inquiries.

GOLD MINERS' STRIKE.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

The night and afternoon shifts at the Brilliant Extended mine are now out on strike. It is stated the cause is due to friction on the night shift between the shift boss and a man, in consequence of which the man and his mate went to the surface, and were later followed by the whole shift. The day shift worked as usual, but the afternoon shift did not go below.

It is believed the men will interview the chairman of the board of directors to-morrow.

WATER BOARD.

SPENDING MONEY TOO RAPIDLY

MR. CANN'S CHARGE.

The State Treasurer's attention was directed yesterday to the complaints of the Water and Sewerage Board concerning the pruning of its estimates.

Mr. Cann said:—"I have said more than once, and quoted figures to support me, that the board has got more than it ever had before. I cannot find unlimited money for it any more than for any other branch of the service.

"The board was given six months' supply, and it immediately began to spend it as if it were three months' supply. It wants to go on like that right throughout the year. It got £55,000 on the first Supply Bill, and apparently has based its calculations on that ever since. Like me, the board will have to cut its cloth according to its measure."

"MEANS SHUTTING UP."

MR. MILLNER OUTSPOKEN.

"If we can't get more money it practically means shutting up."

This was the comment of Mr. W. J. Millner (President of the Water and Sewerage Board) on Mr. Cann's statement last night.

"In 1910-11," he added, "we had an unexpended balance to work on. We also had a big unexpended balance to work on in 1911-12. Last year, owing to the growth of the population and numerous new dwellings, in consequence, we spent all our money—up to £90,000.

"Although we have been given a little more money this year than we were given last year, we have less to spend, because we have no unexpended balance for the reason mentioned. Numerous new houses in new suburbs want water and sewerage facilities. We have been extending the sewerage system into these districts, and now we are doing the reticulation. And we are making a new main from the Potts Hill Reservoir. This all means money. And unless we get it we will have to close down on these works—practically shut up shop.

"If we cannot have the money to extend the mains the people cannot get the water; and the same with the sewerage system.

"Our estimates at the start were £700,000. We were then told that they had been cut down to £500,000. But when the estimates were finally passed we got only £320,000."

ENGLISH UMPIRES.

A HOT CRITIC.

SOME BAD DECISIONS.

E. R. Mayne, who was a member of the Australian cricket team that toured England a few months since, was in Sydney yesterday, and returned to the attack upon English cricket umpires and the method by which they are selected.

Mayne pointed out that the umpires are appointed by the captains of the county teams. They are, in the majority of cases, old professional cricketers, and in the opinion of colonial cricketers, are not independent—that is, they are disposed to give decisions in favour of the home teams—in order to keep in favour with those who have the appointments of umpires in their hands.

"I have only said what I actually saw," said Mayne, when seen in Sydney last night, as he was leaving for Adelaide.

"Why, the umpiring in England in test and county matches has been inefficient for several seasons. One has only to hear the statements of such men as Joe Darling, Victor Trumper, and Frank Iredale in order to know what goes on. I saw enough during the last tour to convince me a radical change is absolutely necessary. Here is an instance: Playing for C. B. Fry's Eleven against Australia, at Bray, in Ireland, Hobbs, of Surrey, completed his 2000 runs for the season in first-class cricket. 'Bravo,' said the umpire to Hobbs. A few overs earlier Hobbs had walked clean in front of his stumps to a straight ball from Hazlitt, which would have bowled him. 'Not out,' said this same umpire to our unanimous appeal. We did not know whether to laugh or cry when the umpire a little later congratulated Hobbs upon completing his 2000 runs for the season. Then, take the case of Bardsley. At Kennington Oval, in the last triangular test, he was given run out. We, who were watching, had no doubt in the world about the decision; we knew he was not out. The affair caused a sensation in the dressing-rooms, and at the close of the game in came Mr. Warner, who said, 'That is the worst decision I have ever seen on a cricket field.' Ranji said the same.

"One of the best amateur players England has ever produced says the umpiring is notoriously bad. I think the decisions given are due to incompetency, but many good judges on the other side say it is due to the method by which the umpires are selected. A well-known critic in England (Mr. Sewell) said that the decision in the first test was the worst he had ever seen. Bardsley, again, tried to mow a half-pitched ball by Rhodes, who was bowling round the wicket, to leg. He missed it, and was given out lbw. Then he was given run out wrongly at Cheltenham, and that decision capped the lot. The English papers talk about us taking our defeat ungenerously. We do nothing of the sort. We admit we were beaten by a stronger team on paper; but merely point out that we were handicapped a good deal by the wretched decisions of the umpires, and would like a change in the method of selection at least before the next tour."

ENGLISH PRESS OPINION.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

The "Manchester Guardian" says: "It is useless to answer the complaints of Mr. E. R. Mayne. If cricketers begin to question the decisions of umpires we will soon go back to the manners of the village green. Mr. Mayne's criticisms are not cricket."

The Australian correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette" regrets Mr. Mayne's attack, and points out that the English cricketers had similar experiences in Australia.

"It is generally conceded," the correspondent says, "that the Bardsley decision was an error, but it did not affect the result of the match. The Mayne incident shows what a thoroughly unhappy band the team was. It is not fair to saddle the Board of Control with all the responsibility, but the policy pursued has not lifted up cricket in Australia. Not since the notorious tour of 1893 has Australia's reputation been of so low a standard."

BOARD OF CONTROL'S PROPOSAL.

We learn officially that Mr. Crouch, manager of the Australian team in England, has not commented upon the umpiring in England in the course of his report of the tour.

The Board of Control asked the Marylebone Club to adopt the Australian system of appointing umpires for last season's triangular test matches; but it was pointed out to the Board of Control that their request had arrived too late to be acted upon. At the same time the M.C.C. promised to consider the question, and there is every reason to believe that for all test matches in future the umpires will be chosen by the Australian method. The Australian Board of Control wants a number of names of umpires to be submitted to the captains of the English and Australian teams. If the captains agree upon two men they are appointed to umpire, but if they can only agree upon one the board wants the names narrowed down to six, the names of the half-dozen men placed in a hat, and a draw to be made for one of them.

YASS SEAT.

DELICATE POLITICAL SITUATION.

EFFECT OF SPEAKER'S ABSENCE.

RETARDING THE ELECTION.

The extraordinary position in which Mr. Nielsen's resignation stands was much commented upon in Liberal circles yesterday.

The resignation has already reached the Speaker in New Zealand, but Mr. Willis will not return to Sydney till next month.

Mr. Nielsen, in a letter to his constituents in the Yass electorate, published in the "Herald" yesterday, stated that he had resigned his seat as from Wednesday last. It transpires, however, that for Mr. Nielsen to resign and for his resignation to be dealt with are altogether different matters, one not following automatically upon the other.

Although Mr. Nielsen resigned as from January 15, and the electors of Yass are entitled as soon after that date as possible to choose another representative, it seems probable that a couple of months must elapse before the electoral machinery is put into operation with this end in view. And this delay comes at a time when the strength of parties in the House is in a most critical state. Mr. Willis, of course, was aware of this critical situation affecting the constitutional position of the Government when he left for New Zealand, and he was also fully aware that the resignation of the member for Yass was on its way, if it had not already arrived, and yet, the Liberals complain, he has left his post without providing for the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act to be observed in this regard during his absence.

POSITION OF PARTIES.

Before Mr. Beeby resigned his seat for Blayney the Government had a pledged following of 46, as against 43 on the Opposition and cross-benches, the vote of Mr. Willis in the chair not being counted. In the event of Mr. Withington defeating Mr. Beeby, the Government's strength would be 45 as against 44. With Mr. Nielsen resigned the parties would, with Mr. Withington elected, be 44 to 44, while if Yass elected a Liberal to the vacancy, the Government would be in a minority of one—45 to 44. Liberals say that no one denies Mr. Willis the right to have a holiday out of the State after a strenuous session, but they say it was clearly his duty to have taken steps to have given immediate effect to Mr Nielsen's resignation. As matters stand, they assert, the Electoral Act is being stultified. Section 54 of this Act says that, in the event of the Speaker being absent from the State and a member resigning, the Governor shall take the necessary steps to have the vacancy duly filled. The practice with all Speakers in the past has been for the Clerk of the Assembly to deal with resignations in the Speaker's absence, and forward them to the Governor for the necessary steps to be taken. "But everything that has been done in the past," one Liberal member remarked yesterday, "is, according to Mr. Willis, all wrong."

EX-SPEAKER'S VIEW.

Interviewed as to the Constitutional aspect of the matter, Mr. W. McCourt, M.L.A., Mr. Willis's predecessor in the Chair, said:—"The practice of myself and of all occupants of the Speakership has been to allow the Clerk of the Assembly to deal with any resignation received while the Speaker is absent from the State. The Clerk, on receipt of a resignation, would forward it to his Excellency the Governor for it to be given legal effect to. Until, of course, the Governor receives a resignation he can have no official cognisance of it, and he can only receive it from the Clerk of the House, acting for the Speaker.

"If instructions have not been given by the Speaker (Mr. Willis) in this case to have the resignation dealt with in his absence in this way, then," said Mr. McCourt, "he has acted most improperly. A Speaker does not receive much correspondence from America, and Mr. Nielsen's letter containing the resignation could easily be picked out from the general correspondence. The reason for section 54 of the Electoral Act being enacted was so that a constituency might not be disfranchised, and the Yass electorate should not be placed in the position of being disfranchised, even for one day. There can be no quibbling as to the practice of Speakers on this point, and I have no hesitation in saying that if Mr. Willis has not instructed Mr. Arnold, the Clerk of the Assembly, to deal with this resignation of Mr. Nielsen in his absence, he has ignored both the Electoral Act and a time-honoured practice."

LIBERALS AT WORK.

The Liberal party is prepared for a vigorous fight for the Yass seat as soon as the vacancy is announced. For some time past organising work has been proceeding, and special attention has been given to the enrolment of Liberal supporters.

An electorate conference is being called for January 29, and nominations as well as the branch enrolment will also close at the same time.

The candidates who have been mentioned in connection with the electorate are Messrs. P. M. Bourke, H. W. Clarke, Frank Coen, G. Harrison, and T. Starr. Messrs. Bourke, Coen, and Starr are already addressing the meetings of the branches on their selection campaign.

THE RESIGNATION.

REACHES MR. WILLIS.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The Speaker of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly (Mr. Henry Willis), who is now in Wellington, states that he has received Mr. Nielsen's resignation.

NAVAL NEWS.

BUILDING THE CRUISER BRISBANE

TRAINING SHIP TINGIRA.

January 23 will mark an epoch in Australian naval history, when the laying of the keel of the first cruiser to be built in Australia—the Brisbane—will take place on the newly-erected slip at the Government Dockyard, Cockatoo Island. This event must be regarded as the culmination of the dockyard officials' highest ambitions, viz., to make the Cockatoo Dockyard a naval shipbuilding yard. This has been accomplished practically within the last three years. Previously Fitzroy Dock was never regarded as anything more than a small repairing depot.

H.M.A.S. Encounter—the cruiser recently lent by the Imperial Government to the Commonwealth navy—is in Sutherland Dock, Cockatoo Island, undergoing her periodical refit. The vessel will remain in dock probably for another week, and should prove an attraction for Sunday and holiday visitors.

H.M. surveying vessel Fantome is also undergoing refit in the Fitzroy Dock prior to resuming her surveying duties.

The training ship Tingira, which has been temporarily a dead hulk owing to the Christmas vacation, will on January 23 be transformed into a hive of naval industry. On that date the 200 lads who were granted five weeks' Christmas leave, during which period they have been scattered broadcast in their picturesque uniform all over the Commonwealth—from Cape Yorke to Fremantle and Port Darwin—are due on board. Not every one of the lads will return, however, for three of their number have been handed their discharge certificates, with the notice that their services will be no longer required. For some reason or other these lads are not considered desirable "sailors in the making."

AN OPPORTUNE HAT TRICK.

MANILLA, Thursday.

An exciting cricket competition fixture was played yesterday against the Catholic Men's Club. The Albion men required five runs to win with three wickets in hand, and it was within four minutes call of time. T. M. O'Brien performed the hat trick and terminated a remarkably interesting game.

TEST TENNIS.

BRITISH ISLES V. AUSTRALIA.

TO BEGIN TO-DAY.

The first test match to be played between teams representing the British Isles and Australia is to begin to-day on the courts of the New South Wales Lawn Tennis Association at Double Bay.

Preparations for the match were taken in hand some time ago, and include the provision of seating accommodation for a very much larger number of spectators than were able to see the visitors when they last played in Sydney. The respective sides are:—

BRITISH ISLES.	AUSTRALIA.
C. P. DIXON.	N. E. BROOKES.
J. C. PARKE.	R. W. HEATH
A. E. BEAMISH.	A. W. DUNLOP.
F. G. LOWE.	A. B. JONES.

Both teams have been practising at every opportunity during the past week in both singles and doubles. The games at Strathfield also afforded the competitors excellent practice under match conditions. Parke and Lowe had some sets of singles on the match court yesterday afternoon, and were followed by Brookes and Dunlop. To-day's programme includes many items of interest, as will be seen by the following list of the events:—

11.30: A. E. Beamish (B.I.) v A. W. Dunlop (A.).

11.30: F. G. Lowe (B.I.) v A. B. Jones (A.).

1.15: J. C. Parke (B.I.) v R. W. Heath (A.)

2.30: C. P. Dixon (B.I.) v N. E. Brookes (A.).

3.45: J. C. Parke and F. G. Lowe (B.I.) v R. W. Heath and A. B. Jones.

4.45: A. E. Beamish and C. P. Dixon (B.I.) v N. E. Brookes and A. W. Dunlop.

Dixon showed signs of improvement in singles at Strathfield, and played particularly well in doubles, so that the English captain may be seen in something approaching his form at home. Heath is apparently playing better than he did in Melbourne, and is likely to give Parke a lot of trouble. Brookes will be seen twice, in singles against Dixon and in doubles with Dunlop against Beamish and Dixon.

DOMINION STRIKE.

NEW YEAR OUTLOOK.

SLAUGHTERMEN GIVE NOTICE.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Jan. 16.

The new year horizon of the industrial world in New Zealand presents a somewhat darkened aspect. The old year closed with the black chapter of the Waihi strike—one of the most disastrous in the Dominion's history. The newspapers had no sooner told of the settlement of the firemen's trouble in Wellington, than they opened the first chapter of what looks like the commencement of grave trouble with the slaughtermen engaged in the whole of the freezing works of the Dominion.

Three years ago the slaughtering rate for sheep was raised to 25s per hundred all over New Zealand. This agreement expires at the end of January. For some time negotiations have been proceeding between the Slaughtermen's Federation and certain meat freezing companies, with a view to securing increased pay to 30s per hundred for sheep, and an increase of 6d per head for cattle. An increase for cattle has been declined, though the companies were prepared to raise the price somewhat for

THE MINES.

OWNERS INTERVIEW THE MINISTER.

A HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

A deputation from the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association waited upon the Minister for Education and Labour yesterday regarding the withdrawal of the proprietors from the Conciliation Committee.

"They placed the reasons for their withdrawal fully before me," said Mr. Carmichael, "and informed me that they had a request from the men for a conference. They said that they would call a meeting of the proprietors early next week—as soon as their chairman, Mr. Learmonth, was available—and that they would notify me of their decision.

"I don't regard the outlook as at all hopeless, and I think there is a possibility of the two sides agreeing upon a tribunal that will be satisfactory to both."

THE SOUTH.

DELEGATE BOARD MEETS.

WOLLONGONG Thursday.

A delegate meeting of the Illawarra Colliery Employees' Association was held at Tattersall's Hotel to-day. The newly-elected president (Mr. Willis) occupied the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Peter Bowling (general secretary), S. Bird (treasurer), and delegates representing 2500 members.

The report of the interview in Wednesday's "S.M. Herald," between the Minister and Mr. Lysaght and Mr. Bowling was approved of as being correct.

It was decided to hold an aggregate meeting on Saturday next at Bode's Recreation Grounds, Wollongong, at 1 p.m., and to telegraph the Minister (Mr. Carmichael), conveying an invitation to be present, and address the miners. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. A. A. Lysaght for all his invaluable services in the Russell case. It was also decided to express thanks to Mr. James Maguire for the manner in which he carried out the duties of president of the association.

A motion was carried expressing appreciation of the fair attitude adopted by the "Sydney Morning Herald" in its leading articles on the Russell case.

MAITLAND MINERS.

TROUBLE WITH THE WHEELERS.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The quarterly meeting of the delegate board of the Colliery Employees' Federation met to-day, Mr. David Watson presiding. The position at Burwood colliery brought about through the action of the wheelers, who are members of the recently formed Wheelers and Shiftmen's Union, was referred to, and aroused considerable discussion. Notice of motion had been received from the Burwood Lodge asking to be placed on the victimised roll for the time lost. It was decided that the appeal could not be sustained.

The board expressed the opinion that the time had arrived when members of the federation should take a determined stand in defence of the interests of its own members, and not permit any section who thought fit to form a new union to play fast and loose with the members of the federation at their own pleasure.

It was resolved that in the opinion of the board the Burwood Lodge should make arrangements for resumption of work by the men taking the horses and carrying on the work.

The difficulty which has arisen at Broxburn colliery, Greta, was also discussed. It was reported that the men had practically been locked out for refusing to work eight and a half hours. Originally, when the mine was in operation, the men worked eight hours, but since the reopening, after a considerable period of idleness, through extensive improvements being effected, the men were informed that if they were not prepared to work the extra half-hour the colliery could not work. Subsequently a deputation waited on the manager, when it was agreed the men should continue to work under the old conditions, pending a reference of the dispute to an independent tribunal. The company had now taken up the position that it was prepared to refer the matter to a tribunal to make any award that might be arrived at retrospective, provided that the men returned to work under the eight and a half hours system.

The board resolved that the manager be informed that the federation was prepared to allow the men to resume work on the conditions which existed prior to the stoppage, and refer the case to a tribunal, as suggested; but that they could not allow members to resume work on the terms laid down by the company.

Consideration was given to the general position in the district, but no information was made available for the present. The meeting adjourned till to-morrow.

AN OLD CLAIM.

FROM BIG COAL STRIKE.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

Strong efforts have been made by the Colliery Employees' Federation for some time to impress upon the Government the fairness of the claims of the Ebbw Main and Young Wallsend miners to payment of wages for work done during the last big strike.

These efforts have had the desired effect, and Mr. Brennan, district secretary, has now been informed that the necessary vouchers have been forwarded to be filled in, when the money due to the men will be paid.

OWNERS' MEETING.

The Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association held a meeting at the Sydney offices of Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Ltd., yesterday morning, and decided to meet the Minister for Labour and Industry, Mr. Carmichael, in accordance with the invitation received by them.

CHINESE BONDS.

NO TRICKERY WITH IMMIGRANTS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas, Minister for External Affairs, said to-day that he was surprised to hear that Mr. Gee Wah, president of the Chinese Commercial Association in South Australia, had stated that Chinese opinion was that the Customs officers acting as immigration officers had resorted to trickery, by getting the 17 Chinese children who had been refused permission to enter Australia at Darwin to sign a bond.

The idea of trickery, Mr. Thomas said, was absurd. Nothing different had been done in the cases referred to from the proceedings followed in all other similar cases. When any difficulty arose in an immigration case the department asked the person concerned to enter a bond of £100, and usually gave permission for him to remain a month while the matter was inquired into. This was not the hundredth or even the thousandth case of its kind.

CHINAMAN'S DEATH.

CHARGE OF MURDER.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

At the Atherton Police Court yesterday a case was heard in which Ah Ping was charged with the murder of Kwong Wah Shum. The evidence by the police was to the effect that deceased was found lying at his bathroom door at Chinatown clad only in his shirt, suffering from 11 wounds and cuts on various parts of the body. Accused's coat was found near by, also a large butcher's knife. Further on another butcher's knife was found, both covered with blood stains. The police traced blood for about 100 yards, where accused was found lying with four slight inclined wounds, which the doctor said could have been self-inflicted. Accused admitted to the police having had a row with Kwong Wah Shum, and said, "Suppose I no kill him, he kill me." Four Chinese witnesses testified to deceased crying out, "Ah Ping has stabbed me."

Accused was committed for trial.

CROWN-STREET HOSPITAL.

MINISTER'S VISIT.

LARGER ENDOWMENT WANTED.

Mr. Flowers, M.L.C., visited the Women's Hospital in Crown-street yesterday.

Judge Backhouse, as president, and Mr. H. Hoyle, M.L.A., explained to Mr. Flowers that the accommodation was inadequate. There were 45 beds, and last year 42 were constantly occupied, and at times they had as many as 50 cases in the institution. These were urgent cases, but they had been forced to turn hundreds of patients away during the year. When the additions, which were being erected, were completed, they would have between 20 and 30 additional beds, but these could be filled in a week. The committee felt that with only the usual £ for £ subsidy from the Government it was impossible to carry on as they would like. They started last year with an overdraft of £880, and when the year finished it had grown to £1100. It was impossible to carry on under such conditions. The committee thought that, in view of the large and valuable work that was being done, the institution ought to be placed on the same footing as the Royal Prince Alfred, the Sydney, and the Royal Women's Hospitals. Those institutions received a special sum per head from the Government. Crown-street not only kept 45 beds constantly going, but it also did a very large amount of outdoor maternity work.

Mr. Flowers said he recognised the difficulties the committee had to encounter, and he thought the time had arrived when the Crown-street institution should be placed upon a firmer financial basis. He would, therefore, consider favourably the proposals put before him, together with some scheme to assist in placing the institution on a firmer financial basis.

CHINESE IN COURT.

SEQUEL TO RAID.

ALLEGED SECRET SOCIETIES.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A sequel to the raids on the Chinese shops in the metropolitan area took place in the police court to-day. Chow Pan and Chan Bung were charged with sly grog-selling.

Acting-sergeant Bee said he was in the parlour in an hotel in the Valley with Acting-sergeant Blackmore and a Chinaman named How Yin. Witness gave How Yin a pound note and told him something. How Yin drove to the premises of See War and Co., and purchased various articles, which consisted of groceries and a jar and two bottles of liquor. Witness went to the premises of See War and Co., and was shown several cases and a quantity of bottles by the manager.

Cross-examined, witness said he had heard of the Chinese Masons' Society. He knew there were Chinese secret societies in Queensland. He had heard Chinese Masons were bitter towards those who were not Masons. He had been told by the Customs that three firms imported Chinese spirits.

How Yin was cross-examined by counsel as to whether he had heard of the Yee Hing Society in Brisbane. The witness said he heard of it, but was not in it.

To some Chinese call the society the Hong-to-Chut? —I do not know.

Do better class Chinese not call it by that? You know the meaning—the society of red-headed thieves?—I have not heard it called that. If they are what you say why don't you put them arrested? (Laughter.)

Counsel: Have you not told other Chinese that you are making a trip to China out of what you are making out of this case?

Witness: You ask the Government about that.

The case was further adjourned.

PREMIERS CONFER.

FIGHTING FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Premier of Queensland called upon Mr. Watt, and informally discussed with him a number of questions of interstate interest.

Mr. Watt subsequently stated that he compared notes with Mr. Denham regarding the progress of the State Savings Banks since the commencement of competition by the Commonwealth.

"Mr. Denham's feelings were very much the same as my own," said Mr. Watt. "We agreed that, whilst Commonwealth competition was not justified, we could meet it with ease. The confidence of the people in the State savings banks appears to be increasing."

The Federal referendum campaign was touched upon, and both Premiers were agreed that the Liberal opposition in press and on platform was not likely to be less vigorous than on the last occasion that the questions were submitted to the people.

SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

BENEFIT TO PEARCE.

The committee which is arranging a benefit to Harry Pearce, who is about to leave for England to meet Ernest Barry for the sculling championship, held its first meeting at the Royal Hotel, George-street, on Wednesday night.

Mr. Albert E. Nash, chairman of the New South Wales Rowing Association, alluded to the generosity of all Australian scullers taking their own trainers to England with them. Pearce, in deciding to take Priddle home, had shown his good sense. Pearce could be relied upon to uphold the sportsmanship of Australians. There was no question that he was unbeaten as Australian champion, and was fully justified in seeking this match.

Mr. D. A. M'Millan was elected hon. secretary, Mr. N. J. M'Donald hon. treasurer, and Messrs. A. E. Nash, Colonel Ryrie, H. S. Jerdan, J. Blackman, John Spencer, and O. G. McKivenny were elected the executive committee.

A number of letters containing cheques and promises of support were received.

HOBART TRAMWAYS.

PURCHASE BY COUNCIL.

HOBART, Thursday.

A poll of the ratepayers of Hobart was held to-day to decide whether the City Council should proceed with the purchase of the tramways for £210,000. The Labour party opposed the proposal, being of the opinion that the price was too high, though the net profits in the last two years equalled 6 per cent., and were continuously increased for several years.

The poll resulted as follows:—For the purchase, 3439; against, 905. Majority, 2534.

The council will now complete the purchase.

PORT AUGUSTA RAILWAY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Home Affairs officials state that arrangements and works preliminary to the actual laying of the railway line to connect Port Augusta (S.A.) with Kalgoorlie (W.A.) are proceeding with all reasonable speed.

Mr. H. Deane, the consulting engineer, said that the first consignment of rails from Hoskins' works at Lithgow would be delivered this month. They would be used for the manufacture of points and crossings. The second lot would be delivered at Port Augusta. The rails from America, where 36,000 tons were being made to the order of the Federal Government, would begin to arrive in Australia next month. Sleepers would be available at the same time. As soon as the bogie waggons were constructed, and the track-laying machines arrived, the actual work of laying the line would be commenced. This would be about May or June. Meantime a large gang of men was employed constructing depots and material yards.

RATES OF WAGES.

PERTH, Thursday.

Senator Needham and Mr. Watts, secretary of the General Workers' Union, waited on Mr. Hobler, deputy chief engineer of the Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta railway, to ask that instead of 11s 8d the rate be 12s a day for labourers, with proportional increases in other branches. They also urged that free shovels be supplied.

Mr. M'Callum, secretary of the A.L.F., and Labour candidate for Perth, joined in a telegram to the Minister urging a free supply of shovels.

AN EARLDOM.

CLAIM BY A STATION OVERSEER.

A ROMANTIC STORY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In an unpretentious wooden villa at Albert Park, surrounded by flower-beds intersected by vine trellises, lives a distinguished-looking old gentleman who, according to his statement, is rightful Earl of Lindsay, head of the famous Scottish family of that name. Three years ago he married the widow of the late John Close, of South Africa. For three years Mrs. Bethune Lindsay remained in ignorance of her husband's birth. Then, by some chance, she found in "Burke's Peerage" that Henry James Hamilton, second son of the Earl of Lindsay, born June 8, 1834, died at Marseilles on July 8, 1862, leaving no issue. Mrs. Lindsay taxed her husband with his ancestry, and he admitted it.

"For," says Mrs. Lindsay, "Henry James Hamilton did not die at Marseilles, though he came near to it. But his cousin, David Clark Bethune, has assumed—and, according to 'Debrett,' assumed without official authority—the surname and arms of Bethune, in lieu of those of Lindsay."

"I may," began the claimant, interviewed today, "begin with the explanation that it is only a very strange series of circumstances that has caused me to break the silence of many years. To make the whole thing clear, let me say that when about 10 years of age I joined the Royal Navy in the capacity of midshipman. Later on, when I had risen to the rank of lieutenant, I served under my uncle, Admiral Bethune. After a bad smash I returned to England, and a strong attachment sprang up between a little lady and myself. My family considered her beneath me, and made my life well-nigh unbearable. Three medical men said I would never be strong again, and, to make a long story short, I came to Australia. I went as overseer to a neighbouring station, Cannawigra, and during my stay there I received a copy of the 'Scotsman,' which contained a photograph of my brother, the tenth Earl of Lindsay, who died in 1894.

"About the same time a gentleman named Hayes visited Australia with the object of trying to locate me, it having come to the knowledge of my family that I had not died, as stated in 'Burke's Peerage,' in Marseilles, in 1862. My identity was unknown to Hayes. I met him several times, and learned from him first hand about his quest. He little thought, I suppose, that I was the long-lost member of the family. I am an old man, and the loneliness used to affect me when I lived in Gippsland. I could not stand it without a change, and so I came to Melbourne for a holiday and stayed at a boarding-house, and among other lodgers was the lady who is now my wife.

"I never expected to marry, and even though I have a partner now, I will never have a son. I never had any intention of publishing to the world the story of my checkered career, but for the sake of my wife I have yielded reluctantly to the actual position being made known.

"The present earl is my cousin, but he holds the position without official authority. I expect to leave for England in March, and on arrival in the old land will do my best to find old folks who might possibly remember me, and to make myself known to the remnants of my family."

The family history of the Lindesays or Lindsays dates back to 1356, when Sir William Lindsay obtained the Barony of the Byres by charter Royal. Upon the resignation of his brother, Sir Alexander of Glenesk, the present holder of the title, who is 80 years of age, has three children, the eldest of whom, Viscount Garnock, was born in 1867, and lives at Claxton Hall, Yorkshire.

ELIXIR OF LIFE.

CHINESE FINED FOR SLY GROG-SELLING.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The hearing of the case of alleged sly grog-selling against Show Pan and Chan Bung was continued in the City Police Court to-day.

Two bottles of liquor were produced in court. Attached to each was a paper on which were Chinese characters which were translated by the Court interpreter as stating that in cases of rheumatism, where bones were painful, in case of swelling of muscles or diseased feet, cough, or headache, it would assist them to their normal state. Taken inwardly, it would be at all times beneficial.

"As elixir of life, it appears to be," remarked the P.M.

Chan Bung deposed How Yin asked for liquor, intimating it was for a society. He refused to supply the liquor, but at last it was supplied to How Yin because he had reason to fear the society.

The magistrate imposed in each case a fine of £7 7s, with costs amounting to £2 10s, in the alternative three months' imprisonment.

DRILL SHIRKERS.

LABOUR COUNCIL ON MILITARISM.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At the Trades Hall Council meeting to-night two communications on the defence scheme were read. In the first, from the Australian Freedom League, the Minister for Defence was attacked for having increased the power of militarism to such an extent that it had become a serious menace to the country, and the council were asked to pass extreme resolutions against the proposed method of punishing cadets who had failed to attend drills by marching them through the streets with a escort.

The second letter was from a working-man, and also inveighed against the attitude of the Minister for Defence towards the sons of the poor as against those of the rich. The treatment accorded rich boys was in striking contrast to that given to the poor.

After some discussion, during which the chairman was termed a dictator by a delegate, it was agreed to send to the Minister a letter of protest against the proposed action to be taken with drill shirkers.

CAMP EQUIPMENT.

OFFICIAL INQUIRY.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. P. Luscombe, Assistant Adjutant-General, has issued an instruction that a board will assemble at a date to be fixed to inquire into and report to the Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General upon the alleged deficiencies in camp equipment returned to ordnance stores from the recent A. and I. Staff and Area Officers' School of Instruction. Major D. P. White (A. and I. Staff) has been appointed president of the board, and the other members will be Captain P. L. Murray and Lieutenant T. P. Conway.

ELECTRICIANS' COMPLAINT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A deputation from the master electricians of Victoria waited to-day upon the Minister for Customs, complaining that certain of the materials used in connection with their special business were not so favourably treated under the tariff as corresponding articles intended for use as gas fittings. They instanced elbow joints, which were more favourably treated when intended for use in connection with gas than when designed for electrical equipment.

Mr. Tudor stated, in reply, that he would look into the matter. He indicated clearly, however, that he did not approve of any differential treatment in similar phases of trade, especially where they were competing against each other.

HELPING THE BLIND.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The interstate conference of delegates from associations for the advancement of the blind resumed its sittings at the Baptist Hall to-day.

Mr. Dunne moved,—"That the deputation to the Minister of External Affairs be instructed that it was the opinion of the conference that every blind person over the age of 16 should have the right to a pension of 10s a week." The motion was agreed to by six votes to five.

Miss Aston read a paper by Miss M'Dougall, advocating that the blind should take up massage as a profession.

Dr. Fletcher Little was in favour of the idea, in Japan the blind monopolised the profession.

The conference adjourned till to-morrow.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

Raphael's painting of the Madonna della Quercia, which had been lost for a century, was discovered in an Italian nobleman's chapel and smuggled to London. It is now in the Hotel Cecil, where it is guarded by four detectives.

Mr. Joseph Lewis, a millionaire diamond merchant, has obtained a divorce from his wife, an actress, professionally known as Fanny Ward, the co-respondent being John Donovan, actor.

An exhibit of New South Wales wool at the textile branch of the Leeds University is attracting much attention.

The Empire Parliamentary Association will entertain Sir Joseph Ward at luncheon in the House of Commons on the 23rd inst.

The report of the Board of Trade for 1912 states that employment was good throughout the year, and the upward movement in wages was more marked than in the previous year; but both had been somewhat discounted by the increased cost of food.

In the House of Commons last night, Mr. Lewis Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that the members of the Empire Trade Commission would visit Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, and it was estimated that the tour would cost £9468.

Sedgwick, a porter at Eton College, who on November 24 fatally stabbed a servant girl named Davis, employed at one of the boarding-houses, has been sentenced to death.

The Royal Geographical Society has decided to admit women as Fellows.

Three of the four men who were remanded in connection with the recent police raid on a gaming house in Euston-road were yesterday fined £50 each, and another was fined £25.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.

The cruiser Denver has been ordered to Acapulco, where the American citizens are in peril owing to the rebels operating around the city.

PARIS, Jan. 15.

The death is announced of the Earl of Ashburnham, aged 73.

[Francis Denzil Edward Baring, 5th Baron Ashburnham, was 46 years of age. His ancestor, the first Baron, was President of the Board of Trade in 1834, and Ambassador to the United States in 1842. The deceased peer was a captain in the Hants Carabiniers, but succeeded to his father in 1889, and married a daughter of Viscount Hood. The new peer, the Hon. Alexander Francis St. Vincent Baring, is only 14 years old.]

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.

The Duchess of Connaught is now out of danger.

DULUTH, Jan. 15.

Zbyszko defeated Westergaard in a wrestling bout last night. He secured the first fall in 30 minutes, and the second upon a foul.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 1.

A party of officials, with a military escort, while travelling in Chengtu enforcing the opium prohibition, encountered 1000 armed men, and both sides exchanged volleys. As a result, two men were killed and many wounded.

PUTUMAYO RUBBER SCANDALS.

LONDON, Jan. 15.

At the inquiry which is being held with a view to ascertaining whether any responsibility rests with the British directors of the Peruvian Amazon Company, Limited, in connection with the outrages upon natives, further evidence was given by Mr. Gubbins, the British chairman of the company. He admitted that the Putumayo account books prior to 1910 had disappeared, and he was unable to account for their disappearance.

Sir John Lister-Kaye, who has been a director of the company since 1908, denied any knowledge of the charges against the Peruvian management.

TASMANIAN ELECTIONS.

UNIONISTS' VOTES.

FINED FOR SUPPORTING LIBERALS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At a meeting at the Theatre Royal last night Mr. Fullerton caused a sensation, and uproar from Labour supporters, by asserting that there was a rule of the Australian Workers' Union that a member voting against Labour candidates was to be fined £3. This was met with cries of "Liar" and "Prove it." Mr. Fullerton then produced and read the rule.

So far the present election has been marked by comparative orderliness and quietness. Possibly the temperature will warm up next week, but up to the present organised interruption and disturbances at Liberal meetings, which were not unknown prior to last election, have been absent. It would seem that the young bloods of the party have been taken in hand and schooled.

Several Labour candidates have advised their supporters to be scrupulously fair to Liberal speakers, and this may have had a good effect in moderating the spirits of the more noisy section.

Mr. Woods, a Labour candidate, complained last night that the Labourites had great difficulty in getting authorised witnesses to postal votes, while the Liberals found it much easier. The Government had appointed magistrates, and their friends could easily get perambulating justices to act as a witness. The Liberal League had kept one of these gentlemen busily employed in Hobart for weeks before the last election.

BALLARAT SEAT.

SIR ALEXANDER PEACOCK'S DECISION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A petition, signed by over 500 electors of Clunes township alone, was presented to Sir Alexander Peacock, asking him to remain in State politics, instead of contesting the Ballarat seat in the House of Representatives.

Sir Alexander Peacock telegraphed to the Mayor of the borough of Clunes (Councillor P. Rowe) this evening as follows:—"After careful and mature consideration, whilst pleased at the honour of being requested to contest Ballarat Federal seat, I have decided to remain in state politics, where there is much important work to be done, and I cannot leave the constituency which has been loyal to me for nearly 24 years."

TWO BOYS DROWNED.

A THIRD BRAVELY RESCUED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A double drowning accident, attended by a rescue of a third boy, occurred at St. Kilda at 5 o'clock to-night.

Four lads, of whom one only could swim, went bathing off a stone wall on the South west bathing-box of the St. Kilda Yacht Club's pavilion. Two got out of their depth, disappearing in the strong sea. The bodies were washed up on the rocks an hour later.

The victims were Clyde Stevens, 16 years, East Prahran; Ewart Parker, 16 years, Prahran.

The third lad, Lawrence Wrigley, 16 years, attempted to rescue his companions, and secured a fourth lad, Albert Burchell, 18 years, and placed him on the rocks. Hearing the other two call for help he turned to assist, but found they had disappeared.

Mr. M'Pherson, a Customs-house officer, living in Southey-street, St. Kilda, informed of the occurrence, plunged into the water, waiting only to remove his coat, but found no trace of the bodies. He was bravely assisted by Herbert Allen. When lifted from the rocks Burchell was unconscious, and still suffering severely from shock.

QUEENSLAND'S LOAN.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The State Treasurer, Mr. Barnes, stated to-day that messages sent by the Agent-General confirmed the statement of the successful flotation of the Queensland loan of £2,000,000 just put upon the London market.

"Some days ago," said Mr. Barnes, "it was indicated that the arrangements would be completed for underwriting the loan. As is known, this always implies that successful arrangements had been made for flotation. It appears from the later information referred to that about £371,000 was applied for by the public, and that about 81 per cent. of the loan went into the hands of the underwriters. Doubtless the altered conditions of affairs in connection with the Balkan States has influenced the general public in subscribing, but the fact remains that the money has been secured by the Government, and there is cause for gratification at the result of our step."

LONDON OFFICES.

FEDERAL BUILDING IMPROVED.

EIGHT-SIDED STRUCTURE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Prior to the close of the last session of the Federal Parliament, the Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Thomas, received a cable message from the High Commissioner, Sir George Reid, intimating that certain suggestions made by Mr. Murdoch, principal architect of the Department for Home Affairs, for the improvement of the Commonwealth building in London, had been agreed to by the architects.

By the last mail from England, Mr. Thomas received complete particulars of these changes in the building plans, which are set out as follows:—The area of the shops, which in the original plans were narrowed by the staircase near the angle of the building, have been greatly increased on both frontages by the rearrangement, and will admit of the Commonwealth Bank being accommodated at the Aldwych angle, with entrances from both the street and vestibule. Under the new scheme the exhibition space will take a new form, and be eight-sided. It will not invade and mutilate the shop areas as it did in the original plan. The lighting will be greatly improved, the area increased, and it will not be so broken up by supporting piers. A thorough vista from the angle of the building along the entrance vestibule and through the Exhibition hall to Melbourne-place and the centre of the entrance will now be obtained. It is thought this will be an added inducement to the public to enter the building and pass through it as a near route from point to point, in course of which exhibits must necessarily be in evidence. On all the upper floors magnificent suites of offices will now follow round the angle of the building towards Fleet-street, and improved widths to the other suites of offices on all sides of the building have been obtained, also superior lighting to them and to the staircase.

It is estimated that the rentable value of the premises will be increased by these alterations in the plans by about £2000 per annum. The architectural quality of the building will not be detrimentally affected. Indeed, in the architects' opinion, and also in that of Mr. Murdoch, it will be improved, and in this opinion the High Commissioner concurs.

THE FRUIT INDUSTRY.

TASMANIAN OPINIONS.

HOBART, Thursday.

Messrs. J. G. Shield, J. J. Pitt, Jas. Murdoch, M.L.C., L. M. Shoobridge (president of the Tasmanian Fruitgrowers' Association), and E. Mills gave evidence before the Fruit Commission to-day.

They all disapproved of the proposal to establish a State exports products department. They expressed their satisfaction with the present method of exporting fruit through the medium of the present shipping agencies, but complained of the inferior steam service in conveying fruit to Queensland.

One or two of the witnesses favoured a Federal steamer service to aid the fruit-growing industry. None of the witnesses considered there were other serious grievances.

The system of sale of the fruit in England was admitted to be open to improvement, especially in feeling the London market more regularly and evenly. Co-operation would be a good thing if it could be brought about, but there were great difficulties in the way.

Mr. Shoobridge adhered to his public assertion that Tasmanian growers would have to pay £10,000 to £15,000 a year more in freight for fruit sent abroad through the operations of this commission. Asked to explain, he said that the shipping companies had given notice that they would have to increase the rate of freight as Tasmanian growers to those paid on the mainland, and because the Royal Commission had compelled them to expose their business. The shipping companies also had increased wages to pay of late, and that also affected the freightage. The growers were satisfied that only by concentration could they carry on their fruit export business with advantage.

FOOD TRADES FEDERATION.

EMPLOYEES' COMBINATION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A food-producing and distributing council has been formed among many of the unions at the Trades Hall. Its objects are to organise union men and women engaged in producing, preparing, handling, and distribution of foodstuffs, and it is expected that 15,000 workers will come under it. The following are some of the principal organisations concerned:—Operative bakers, bread carriers, pastry-cooks, and biscuit bakers; butchers, hotel and caterers' employees, liquor trades' employees, cold storage employees, shop assistants, and grocers in the employ of manufacturers of grocers' sundries. A Federal council has also been formed.

The chief object of the organisation is "the overthrow of the capitalist system."

The rules provide that the council shall have all power to deal with disputes that have been sent to it, after having been dealt with by the union concerned. In the event of the union failing to settle a dispute, and such having been referred to the council, it shall be the duty of the council to obtain the fullest information in regard to the same, and the union concerned shall agree to abide by the decision of a three-fourths majority of the council, even to cases of work of deemed advisable after consultation with the disputes committee of the Trades Hall Council.

The working expenses of the council shall be met as follows:—A sum of £5 shall be raised, and held by the council to meet its ordinary expenses, this amount to be raised by each paying a share of the expenses pro rata per representation on the council, and the necessary expenses shall be met by the unions when due and submitted for payment. The funds of the council shall be banked in the Commonwealth Bank. Any union shall have the right to secede from the council by giving six months' notice after having been decided by a three-fourths majority of members of the said union.

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More CALENDARS
Left.

In suggesting that you get one of our Calendars, and hang it up in your home, we will be honest enough to say right out that we hope, by having it hung there throughout the year, you will be so frequently reminded of us that in the end you will try our very good tea, and like it so much that it will find regular appreciation at your table. At the same time, it is only fair to ourselves to say that we have done our best to produce Calendars of such an artistic nature that no one need be ashamed to hang them up in a prominent place, and, as they are given away, you may just as well get one from your grocer, and see what you think of it.

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P.S.—We suggest for your everyday home use that you try the No. 1 Grade; it is well worth trying, because of the great number of cups it will make, as well as on account of its delightful flavour.—Advt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 16.

Omrah, R.M.S., 8130 tons, Captain Layton, from London, via ports. Passengers:—For Sydney: Miss F. Highley, Mrs. and Miss Ilury, Mr. F. Stone, Mr. H. Petre, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Walker, Mr. Barclay Milne, Rev. Hume Robertson, Major Fielden, Mrs. T. S. and Miss Williams, Messrs. O. T. and H. E. Williams, Captain V. Bindon, Miss F. M'Clymont, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cumberland, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hutchinson, Mr. G. W. Hutchinson, Miss Zehnsley, Staff Sergeant-major Maycock and Saunders, Mr. F. W. Hill, Mr. F. B. Bryant, Mr. O. C. Ashton, Mr. S. M. Purry, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Aylward, Mrs. E. Jones, Miss K. Findlay, Miss G. Dellagana, Mr. H. MacGillivray, Mr. and Mrs. P. Western, Mr. A. N. Lanphier, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ings, Mr. H. A. Blay, Mr. J. R. Wallis, Mr. J. Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Naldrett, Rev. F. Finnegan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Eliar and child, Mr. R. M. Whetten, Mr. E. C. Wright, Mr. G. F. Laughton, Miss Langslow, Miss Hook, Mlle. M. L. Lemoine, Madame Ritter, Mr. I. Mandible, Miss V. M. Pallised, Mr. and Mrs. S. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. T. Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sarelius and two children, Mr. G. Dewe, Miss H. Bishop, Mrs. J. M'Lean, Mr. H. D. Waterhouse, Mr. G. S. Grice, Mr. and Mrs. Athas, Mr. W. Fleury, Mr. R. Davies, Mr. E. Leigh, Mrs. Stockley, Mr. V. Lemon, Mrs. and Miss Calnan, Mr. F. Latty, Mr. H. Hyke, Mr. F. Scoultz, Mr. F. Potter, Mr. W. Fellig, Mr. A. Casperson, Master H. Hardaes, Mr. S. P. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rosenfeld, family, and nurse, Mr. C. Delbourg, Messrs. H. M. and A. T. Day, Mr. and Mrs. D. M'Gill, Mrs. and Miss Rogers. For Brisbane: Miss Bellin, Rev. W. and Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Rossiter, Mr. S. Davies, Miss C. M. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. T. Stower and family, Rev. D. I. Freer, Rev. W. C. Smith, Lauid Anderson, agent.

Warrawyck, s., 2040 tons, Captain Schlette, from Melbourne. J. H. C. Stuart, agent.

Marloo, s., 2029 tons, Captain Hall, from Cairns, via ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Dilkera, s., 3046 tons, Captain Preuss, from Port Pirie. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Franken, s., 3082 tons, Captain Goessling, from Bremen. Lohmann and Co., agents.

Guernsey, s., 4375 tons, Captain Sorenson, from Puget Sound. Davies and Felson, agents.

Innamincka, s., 3300 tons, Captain Irvine, from Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

City of Lincoln, s., 5867 tons, Captain Woolfenden, from Brisbane. Birt and Co., Ltd., agents.

COASTWISE.—Kyogle, s., from the Clarence River; Orara, s., from Byron Bay; Hunter, s., Helen Nicholl, s., Wallsend, s., Harpalion, s., and Duckenfield, s., from Newcastle; Kallatina, s., Tuncurry, s., with new hull in tow, from the North Coast; Edeo, s., Kiama, s., Merimbula, s., Bega, s., and Dunmore, s., from the South Coast.

DEPARTURES.—Jan. 16.

Clan Davidson, s., for London, Liverpool, and Dunkirk, via ports.

Balasore, bqe., for West Coast, via Newcastle.

Ayrshire, s., for Durban, Liverpool, and London.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Jan. 17.

Niwaru, s., for Dunkirk, Liverpool, and London; Marloo, s., for Melbourne; Gosford, s., for Gosford and Brisbane Water; Maianbar, s., for the Manning River; Tambar, s., for the Hunter River, via Newcastle; Colebar, s., for the Tweed River, via Newcastle; Cooleon, s., for the Tweed River; Tuncurry, s., for Cape Hawke and Kembla; Kallawatta, s., for the Hawkesbury River and Pittwater; Karuah, s., for Port Stephens and Myall Lakes; Kirringhi, s., for the Hawkesbury River and Newport; Newcastle, s., for Newcastle; Hillmeads, s., for Moruya.

CLEARANCES.—Jan. 16.

Wanganui, bqne., 292 tons, for Wanganui, via Newcastle.

Balasore, s., 2562 tons, for West Coast, via Newcastle.

Janus, s., 4830 tons, for Bombay and Calcutta, via Newcastle and Brisbane.

The Australian Steamship Ltd.'s steamer Cooma will leave for Melbourne to-day week. This alteration in the usual date of sailing is only a temporary one, and is made to allow of the steamer being docked and overhauled.

MOVEMENTS OF OVERSEA VESSELS.

Malwa, R.M.S. (P. and O. line), arrived at Colombo from Australia on Wednesday morning, homeward bound.

Suevic, s. (White Star line), sailed from Las Palmas for Avonmouth on Monday.

Suevic, s. (White Star line), arrived at Dunkirk on Wednesday from Australian ports.

Pacifique, F.M.S. (M.M. Co.'s line), left Noumea, en route from New Hebrides, to Sydney, on Wednesday afternoon.

Nerissa, s. (Tyser line), from Australian ports, arrived at Dunkirk yesterday.

Barenfels, s., left New York on Wednesday last for Melbourne, Sydney, and New Zealand ports.

OIL FUEL FOR ATLANTIC LINERS.

When the White Star Company decided to construct inn shells on the Olympic and Britannic, they were (says "Lloyd's Shipping Gazette") brought face to face with the problem of how to utilise the 3ft of space between the outer and inner shells, for obviously no company, however powerful, could afford to lose permanently about 300,000 cubic feet, as in the case of the Britannic, if this space has now been solved, and solved in such a way as to mark a momentous departure in the history of Atlantic shipping traffic; for it means that the possibilities of oil fuel as a substitute for coal in the propelling of the giant liners of to-day has at last been realised. The initial step has been taken in the case of the Olympic, which is now undergoing extensive alterations at the hands of Messrs. Harland and Wolff. These alterations include what is to all intents and purposes an inner shell, and it has been decided to utilise the 3ft space in the forward and after bunkers for the storage of oil to be used in one of the boilers, for which purpose all provision is being made in the way of pipes, etc. The Britannic itself was removed shortly after the arrival of the vessel at Belfast, and is now undergoing the necessary alterations in the shops of the builders.

MALAITA AT NORFOLK ISLAND.

NORFOLK ISLAND, Thursday.

The Malaita arrived yesterday, and sailed again at daylight.

Her through passengers are:—Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, Messrs. Smith and Macmillan.

From here:—Mrs. Hilliard, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon and child, Misses Harris, Mate, O'Neil, Corbett, Price, Watson, Logelin, Hall, Chandler, Burfect (2), Messrs. Chandler, Quinnal, Gibbs, Tonkin, Nichols, Allison, (2), Ferguson.

STEAMER BREIZ IZEL REFITTED.

Messrs. R. Torrens and Co. have received advice from Lorient Navigation Maritime de Bretagne that the steamer Breiz Izel has just been fitted with new boilers and engines, her machinery have been thoroughly overhauled at St. Nazaire. They describe her as practically a new ship. She is now chartered to load pyrites from Huelva to New York, and will proceed from there with case oil to Australian or New Zealand ports.

STEAMER LANGTON HALL.

The steamer Langton Hall is fast completing stowage. She has taken on board 9000 tons of nickel ore, 1000 tons wheat, and about 5000 tons coal. She completes loading on Monday next, taking 8000 bales of wool from Sydney, and the balance of her cargo (6000 bales) is already waiting her at Melbourne. She goes direct

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A good amount of business was done on 'Change yesterday at irregular rates. Variations on late rates were:—

RISE.

Gas, Elec. Syd.	..	5/	N.S.W.	P.S. 2/
and W. Bros.	..	/3	1910	£1/0/0
Bulgary and Co.	..	2/6	Australian Glass	2/6
Penn. Trust	..	/3	Burns, Philp	/3
Sprigg's	..	1/6	J. D. Williams	/6
Winchcombe, C.	..	1/3	Silverton Trams	/6

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sales.	Prices. Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
BANKS.							
N.S.W. P.S.	..	..	3	72	72	..	4½
Do., Govt. opt.	..	..	24	90-10/	91	..	4½
Do., Govt. opt.	..	..	4	99	99	..	4
Do., Dec. 1915.	..	..	4	99	98	100	4
Do., Dec. 1917.	..	..	4	98	98	..	4
Do., Dec. 1919.	..	..	4	98	95	..	4½
Do., Dec. 1920.	..	..	3	85	85	..	4½
Do., Dec. 1915.	..	..	24	97-10	97	..	4½
Do., Dec. 1921.	..	..	24	94	94	..	4½
Do., Dec. 1923.	..	..	3	93	93	..	4½
Do., Dec. 1925.	..	..	3	95-10	95	..	4½
Do., Dec. 1922.	..	..	24	84	84	..	4½
Do., Dec. 1925.	..	..	3	97	95	..	4½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	17	124	124	124½	5½
Aust. B. Com.	1	1	24	11/10½	11/6	12/	4½
Bank of N. Z.	77	66/8	6	43½	..	49/	..
City of Sydney	8	8	5	5/7/6	5/	..	..
Ditto, new	10	8	5	5/2/6	5/	..	..
Com. of Sydney	25	12½	10	25.10/	25½	25½	4
Ditto, new	25	12½	..	22	..	25½	..
Com. of Aust.	10/	10/	..	12/4½	12/9	..	..
Ditto, pref.	10	10	8	9/10/	..	..	..
E. S. and A.	20	20	10	30	182	..	5½
London Bank	25½	7½	5	8½	..	8½	5½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	10	21.10/	114	116	4½
N.S.W.	20	20	10	40/10/	40½	40½	5
Nat. Bank	..	..	..	18/15/	..	18½	..
Do., new	20	20	..	40/2/6	40	40½	..
Orient Nat.	5	5	..	20/	20/	..	..
New Zealand	40	8½	15	11	11	..	5½
Royal of Q.	5	5	5	5	..	5½	..
Union	75	25	14	80/10/	80½	85	5½
DEPOSITS							
A.S.C. Incr.	..	..	4	15/	15/	..	5½
C. of A. Assets	..	..	2	17/10½	19/	..	..
E. S. and A.							
Incor., pref.	..	..	5	12/6	11/7½	12/	4½
Ditto, def.	..	..	44	17/3	16/8	..	..
Ditto, deb.	..	..	4	17/	16/6	17/3	4½
Q'land Nat.	..	..	24	16/6	..	18/	..
STEAM.							
Adelaide	3	3	8	21/	20/6	..	..
Australasian	40	40	10	90	89	91/	5½
Howard Smith.	1	1	15	49/6	50/	..	6½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	21/	20/	..	4½
Huddart, Parker	1	1	5	27/	26/	..	4½
Illawarra	1	1	5	5/7/6	5/6	..	4½
Newcastle	1	1	15	23/6	23/6	25/	5½
North Coast	..	..	5	27/6	..	27/6	..
Queensland	10	10	15½	40	40/6	42/6	4½
Sydney Ferries	1	1	10	43/6	44/6	45/6	4½
Ditto, new	..	..	..	43/6	44/6	45/6	..
Union	10	10	10	46/6	46/6	48/6	4½
INSURANCE.							
A. M. F.	1	1/5	14	45/	..	47/	6½
Col. Mutual	1	1	12	41	..	45/6	5½
I.O.A.	10/	10/	..	1	..	1/6	10/6
Mut. Mutual	1	1	13½	8	8/6	10/6	6½
New Zealand	10	2	12½	50/	55/	57/	4½
Queensland	1	1	10	37/	36/9	40/	5½
Reinsurance	10	5	5	9	9	10	5½
United	10	2½	12½	6.12	6	..	4½
GAS.							
Australian	6	6	11	11/6	11	11½	..
Ditto, pref.	1	12/6	10	15	15	21	..
Dividends	1	1	10	20/	..	22/	..
Sydney new	1	7/6	..	..	..	..	..
Do., pref.	1	1	5	5/6	..	4/6	5½
Do., last issue	1	1	5	5/6	..	4/6	5½
Metropol	1	1	5	5/6	..	5/	..
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	5/6	..	4/6	5½
North Shore	1	1/10	10	2/6	2/9	3/6	..
Ditto, new	1	2/6	..	..	..	..	..
BREWERIES.							
C. and W. Bros.	1	1	6½	17/3	15/	15/6½	5½
Ditto, pref.	15/	15/	20	30/3	30	31	5½
Smith's	1	1	10	27/6	27/6	31/6	5½
Tooth's	10/	10/	7	20/10	19/11	19/6	5½
INFLAMMABLE.							
Anthrd. Ex. Hill	10	7	12½	10	10/	11/	8½
Adams's, ord.	1	1	7½	13	4/6	8/	7½
A. Bread Co.	1	1	10	18/6	18	18/6	10½
Do., pref.	1	1	10	18/6	18	18/6	10½
Bray, Y.	1	1	10	25/9	23/9	26/	7½
Dickson, Co.	1	1/7	9	20/	20	25/	8½
Arthur Cocks	1	1	5	7/6	..	9/6	10½
Prod. Engines	1	1	5	17/6	..	20/	..
Aus. Drug	1	1	5	24/6	24	24/6	4½
Aust. Wireless	1	1	5	5/6	5/	5/6	4½
Aus. Mut. Provs.	1	1	10	24/	24	25/	8½
Beard, Watson	1	1	10	24/	23/	25/	8½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	21/6	..	24/	8½
Bowen Bros.	1	1	5	10/6	10/	11/	9½
Bryant, Percy	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
B.H.W. Supply	1	1	5	5/6	5/	5/6	4½
Bennie, W.	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Bennie, Chas.	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Col. Sugar	20	20	12½	26/6	40	40½	6½
Quincy, Co.	10	5	5	6/6	6	6½	7½
Dunlop Tyre	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Ditto, pref.	15/	15/	6	15/6	..	15/6	7½
Emu F. G.M.S.	1	1	5	10/6	10/	11/	9½
Ezi. Co.	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Farmer and Co.	10	10	10	17/6	17	17/6	11½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	11/10/	..	11/6	10½
Foy's, Ltd.	1	1	5	17/6	..	17/6	7½
Foy's, Q'lnd	1	1	5	17/6	..	17/6	7½
Goodlet, Smith	15	15	10	30/	30	31/	6½
H. J. Devlin	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Ditto, cons.	1	10/	10	14/6	..	14/	7
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
H. Jones Co-op.	1	1	5	24/	..	24/6	4½
Hotel Metropole	1	1	5	26/6	26/3	27/	5½
H. M'Neale	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Do. (new)	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Hyde, E. Hie	1	1	10	14/7½	24/	25/6	8½
Ironite	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
J. D. Williams	1	1	5	11/3	11/3½	12/	8½
J. Fielding	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
J. C. Goodwin	1	1	10	24	..	23/6	8½
J. Sharp, Sons	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Jo. Gardiner	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Kidman's	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
M. Clark, Co.	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Mc. Simmons	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Moffitt's	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Mont de Piete	1	1	5	42/	..	41/6	5½
Mark's, new	10	10/	12½	30/	..	27/6	9½
Ditto, new	1	1/7	..	..	..	10/6	6
Ditto, pref.	1	1/7	..	..	..	10/6	6
Nicholson's	1	1	10	24/3	24/3	25/	8½
Do. (new)	1	17/6	..	15	14/6	15/	6½
N.S. Cotton	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Paul and Gray	1	1	10	24/6	24/6	25/	8½
Pedrian	1	1	10	10/	..	10/6	7
Perp. Trust	10	10/	10	10/	10/6	11/	9½
Penn. Trust	1	1	10	10/	10/6	11/	9½
Pitt, Son, Badg.	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
P. S. Robber.	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Rich. Bros.	1	1	10	24/6	24/6	25/	8½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	10/6	..	10/6	7
Ditto, new	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7
Ditto, pref.	1	1	5	10/6	..	10/6	7

Where dividends are interim the average for the year is quoted. Yields based on last sales.

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Port Jackson, 49/; North Coast Steam, 27/; Castlemaine Brewery and Wood Bros., 15/3; Sydney Ferries, 43/6; Burns, Philp, and Co., 32/; Bellambi Coal, 37/; Wentworth Hotel, 19/3; Greater J. D. Williams, 1 month, 12/, 6 weeks 12/, ord 12/, 6 weeks 12½; New South Wales, 3½ per cent. funded, 1921, £94.

Noon: Bank of New South Wales, £40/10/; Tooth and Co., 51/3; Sydney Hydraulic, contg, 9/6; Greater J. D. Williams, 6 weeks, 12/1½, 12/, 1 month 12/; Wentworth Hotel, 19/; North Coast Coal, 11/6.

Afternoon: Dalgety and Co., £6/7/6; J. D. Williams, 12/; Sargent's, Limited, 26/; Australian Gas, £11/5/; £11/2/6; Colonial Sugar, £40/3/6; Australian Bank of Commerce Deposits, 18/; Commercial Bank of Sydney (old), £25/15/; Bank of New South Wales, £40/1/; Colonial Sugar, £40/3/6; Balmain Ferry, 21/; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 43/4½; Greater J. D. Williams, 12/, 3 months 12/, 11/6, 11/3, ord 11/3; Silverton Trams, £5/2/6; Commercial Bank of Sydney, new, paid, £25; Permanent Trustee, 6/9; Sydney Ferries, 43/6; Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, paid, 2½/; New South Wales 3½ per cent. funded, 1919, £95/10/; Winchcombe, Carson, 18/3; New South Wales 3½ per cent. funded stock, 1921, £94; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 43/6; Perdrian Rubber, 36/; J. D. Williams, 6 weeks 11/, 2 months 11/, ord. 11/3; J. D. Williams, 3 months 11/.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—National Bank pref., £11-10s.; Royal, 24/3; Bank of Victoria, 8/4; Melbourne Tramway, 43/; Silverton, £5-2-6; Dennis Lascelles, 20/; Federal Palace, 7/6; John Sharp, 20/6; Howard Smith, 54/; Kauri Timber, 18/6; Northcote Brick, 15/11; Sydney Ice, 24/; Colonial Sugar, £40 5/; Hoffman Brick, 15/; Luna Park, 16/6.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Queensland Federal Deposit Bank Shares (paid to 12/6), 8/6.

FINANCIAL.

SYDNEY BANK CLEARINGS.

The clearings of the Sydney banks for the week ended January 13 totalled £7,874,485, as compared with £6,163,823 for the corresponding week of last year. The following comparison may be made of the totals to nearest dates of the years here enumerated:—

January 1 to January 23, 1909,	£11,290,893	
January 1 to January 22, 1910,	£12,193,847	
January 1 to January 21, 1908,	£13,557,178	
January 1 to January 20, 1909,	£11,386,732	
January 1 to January 18, 1910,	£10,874,389	
January 1 to January 17, 1911,	£10,425,391	
January 1 to January 15, 1912,	£12,640,383	
January 1 to January 15, 1913,	£12,725,038	

This year therefore shows an increase of £84,655, as compared with the slightly longer period last year.

AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY.

We are informed by the secretary of the Australian Gaslight Company (Mr. R. J. Lukey) that allotment notices and fractional certificates in connection with the issue of the new shares authorised by the special general meeting of proprietors held on the 30th ultimo were forwarded to the shareholders through the post yesterday.

THOMPSON'S LIMITED, CASTLEMAINE.

"Judex" writes:—

The various letters and remarks published under this heading have proved of much public interest, inasmuch as they have shown the glaring deficiences of the Companies Act of this State, and incidentally revealed a weak spot in the otherwise excellent Victorian Act.

A clause to prevent the registration of a purely Victorian concern whose title the Victorian Act would effectually block an attempt at flotation such as the above.

The secretary of the Australasian Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., did a public service in giving the public information of the nature sought for. What is required is some adequate and reliable information as to why Thompson's, Ltd., is connected in New South Wales, what is the Guarantee Corporation's financial standing, and what does it stand to make out of the deal?

With regard to the statements made as to past and future profits, it would appear that the proprietors are making a large sacrifice in selling the business. In the case of a concern so prosperous as this is represented to be, the adjustment of family interests (given as one of the reasons for the flotation) could easily have been met by the registration in Victoria of a proprietary company, and the necessary extension of working capital could have been obtained from many good sources on ordinary security, and the facts and figures contained in the prospectus. The proprietors cannot be blind to the advantages that would accrue to them in such an event.

Public opinion is against a concern making such large profits should have been able, with even ordinary financial management, to have provided the necessary capital for extension of business out of the large profits made.

Are we to assume that the proprietors of this business are either lacking ordinary business perception or philanthropic?

Thompson's people are certainly generous in selling a concern making profits of over £8000 a year (vide prospectus) without exacting anything for goodwill. Why are they doing so?

ANOTHER VIEW.

"Interested" writes:—

Sir, This is an interesting matter, and the more so because your correspondent, Mr. W. P. Crawford, writes with such confident assertion. The very question as to "who are Messrs. G. Hayes and R. H. Corbett," who have each received £100,000 (in shares) for services rendered to the Australasian Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., in the formation of the Thos. Johnson Clock, and the other also an employee, in the office of the firm of Messrs. J. Earle Hermann, Ltd., of Yarraville, Melbourne, is a pertinent one.

Are Messrs. Frederick G. Parish and Wm. P. Crawford both signatories to the memorandum, also employed in the same office?

What is the nature of the contract mentioned by Mr. W. P. Crawford, which is to be held the new company the fabulous profits mentioned?

Yes, we understand that all the gentlemen referred to by our correspondent are associated in some capacity or other with J. Earle Hermann, Ltd.

THE PROMOTERS IN REPLY.

Mr. W. P. Crawford, acting secretary of the Australasian Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., writes:—

Sir, Your additional comment hereon in Thursday's issue calls for further reply. Firstly, one would expect from a journal of standing fair and reasonable criticism, and not that perverse, and, seemingly, wilful misrepresentation of facts, as set forth in your financial columns in connection with the above flotation, which has been placed before the public in an entirely different light from the manner in your following but an instance of misrepresentation? In Saturday's issue you stated: "Our query referring to the advertised prospectus is, however, whether the whole prospectus, and the complete document, which, after all, is the only one that should be perused." The foregoing had reference to the contracts, which, as specially pointed out in the full prospectus, could be inspected both in Melbourne and Sydney. Without, however, following your query at all, and obtaining a copy of the prospectus for yourself, you again, in Wednesday and Thursday's issues, have the audacity to comment upon it in the full knowledge that it was not to hand. Why not Monday or Tuesday? This last statement, moreover, in your Thursday's issue, after a copy of the prospectus had been handed you on Wednesday morning. As to such treatment as this we leave the public to judge.

I can also point out, in connection with this flotation that there are no "promotors'" shares, and the directors are each paying for their qualification shares. Normal brokerage, legal fees, advertising, expert reports, etc., will be paid for by the company.

The company has certainly not, and is not trying to "corner" the Australian Gaslight Company. The prospectus covered several months ago when the latter was placed before a number of Sydney investors, that the registered offices of the company should be in Melbourne, and that the directors should reside there as far as their business would permit. There is no sinister object whatsoever. Everything in connection therewith is absolutely clean and above board, and will stand the strictest investigation, and has done so.

In your attempt to obtain a revision of the local Companies Act (with which we agree) there is no reason why one should wilfully injure damage on a thoroughly genuine and bona fide flotation.

An abridged prospectus must agree in all essentials with the actual prospectus. The abridged prospectus, which equally with the complete prospectus binds the promoters, reads:

All contracts may be inspected at the offices of Price and Hall Pugh, Melbourne.

The actual prospectus reads:—

Copies of the said agreements may be seen at the office of E. D. Gellin, 33 Queen-street, Melbourne, and 109 Pitt-street, Sydney.

Which is correct? Both cannot be; yet the abridged prospectus binds equally with the complete prospectus. We are glad of the assurance that there are no promoters' shares, and that the directors are each paying for their qualification shares. This would have looked well in the prospectus, and would have there been binding. We note that the promoters have not accepted our invitation to answer the questions put by the Victorian Act, though they assure us there are not attempting to evade its provisions. As to the charge of wilful misrepresentation—well, we can let that answer itself.

FLOATING AUSTRALIAN LOANS.

CONCERTED ACTION DESIRABLE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Speaking yesterday with regard to the financial outlook as it affected the various States, a responsible officer of the Commonwealth Treasury Department expressed the opinion that some form of concerted action was necessary if loans were to be floated in London on the most advantageous terms.

"I have always been a strong believer in the Commonwealth floating all the loans for the States," he said, "at the beginning. I do not say that the Commonwealth would secure better terms than any individual State, but after a while, when the stock had begun to accumulate, and had grown to about £30,000,000, the brokers would begin to appreciate it, as such stock would always be on the market. Once the brokers came to like the stock there would be advantages. The terms would probably be more favourable than at present.

"It might be reasonably assumed, however, that no great saving would be effected if the Commonwealth was to take immediate control of the financial arrangements of the States. As a matter of fact I am of opinion that just now the Commonwealth would be unable to float a loan on any more advantageous terms than Victoria or New South Wales. The fact that Queensland has rushed in ahead of the other States, and made extensive financial arrangements, is not likely, in my opinion, to have any appreciable effect on the London money market. It may to a slight extent influence the situation temporarily, but that would scarcely be noticeable. Good propositions will always command attention. The fact that a five million loan had just been floated in London would make no striking difference to the States which might desire to follow."

BANK OF VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Bank of Victoria accounts to December 31 show net profit £69,072, against £61,685 for the previous half-year. Adding £30,116 brought forward, the total available is £99,183. A dividend of 6 per cent. was declared, £25,000 added to the reserve fund, £2000 to the officers' provident fund, and the balance, £17,842, carried forward.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Sunshoes, Ltd., has been registered with a capital of £5000 in shares of £1 each and will acquire the business of Nathan, Hiles, and McGee.

The Dutch East Indies Oil-fuel Syndicate, Ltd., has a capital of £600, in 30 shares of £20 each, and will acquire land concessions, etc., in Borneo, Sumatra, and Java.

New South Wales Flour Miller's Produce Co., Ltd., has increased its capital to £50,000, by the creation of 4000 additional shares of £10 each.

At yesterday's wool sales 10,916 bales were offered, and 9637 bales sold, including 633 bales disposed of privately.

The market continued to rule very firm, greasies bringing up to 14½d, and scoureds to 22½d.

Commonwealth gold exports so far this year have been light, not exceeding £100,000, whereas last year, for the corresponding period, £594,000 worth was shipped.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

Grocery business in seasonable lines is improving, but there have been no changes in quotations beyond those quoted earlier in the week. To show what attitude canners of ties are adopting, contracts for large quantities have been made at prices to be fixed later. Adelaide, however, is offering apricots at 8/9 a dozen. Salt salmon recently arrived from America was going out freely. Yesterday inquiries for Trefavenne sardines could not be satisfied.

Eastern produce was firm at late rates. At the tea auction, where only Indians were submitted, there was strong competition for all lines. Assams were particularly sought after. Three hundred and twenty packages of Indians were sold at prices from /8 to /9½. Privately 200 Indians were placed up to /9. The market was practically bare of Ceylon teas. There was a strong demand for Chinas, which were in very short supply. It will be eight months before any new China teas are on the market.

Some sales of small parcels of linseed oil were made at easier rates. One hundred and ten drums of Blundell and Spence's raw changed hands at 2/3, and 35 drums of Thistle Falls' raw at the same quantity of boiled, were placed at 4/ and 4/2 respectively. In turpentine business included 25 casks of Pinetree, to arrive, at 2/11. The raising in New York of the c.i.f. and e. price to 2/9½—about 1d up on the month—had the effect of stimulating some demand.

Both black wire and galvanised wire were going out freely, the former at the advanced prices for No. 8 and No. 10. Galvanised hoop iron was advanced to £18/10/ per ton lots, hundredweights selling at 19/6 for the usual sizes. The commodity was found to be scarce, and purchases were made in Melbourne on the basis of £18/10/. Stocks of tinsheets, 20 and 22 gauge, were of moderate extent, and were selling at 40/ per cwt. Twenty-four gauge, however, was in limited compass, and holders wanted 42/ per cwt. Great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining orders placed in Europe executed. From Germany girder plates and galvanised hoopiron ordered 12 months and more months ago are not yet delivered. Outside angles are being quoted cheaper by German manufacturers than by English makers, but as delivery within reasonable time cannot be given by the foreigner, the order goes to the English maker.

The excitement in branbags continued yesterday. Business which had made large purchases on previous days were out for more, but none were to be had at the price. The country was demanding bags in which to place the chaff, large quantities of which were being cut. The demand came from all wheat-growing quarters. Sales to the country were made at 5/6, an advance of 1/ on the price of the previous day. For December shipment (ex Cooeyana, February delivery), the same price was asked, though merchant business was done at 6/3, slings, equal to a fortnight below the spot price. For shipment, January to June, 6/7, slings, was asked. Business done for these positions included 200 bales, delivery 50 per month, at 5/6, slings. There was still a little inquiry for cornsacks, and 7/1 was noted as the best price at which sales were made.

SELLING OF DRIED FRUITS.

SOME OF THE CONDITIONS.

The Dried Fruits Association of Australia, which is perhaps the strongest mercantile association in the Commonwealth, will meet in Adelaide on Tuesday next, to fix the rates for the year's crop. At the meeting of the association in Melbourne during the third week of November, it will be remembered representatives of the principal wholesale houses of Australia spoke, asking that the rebate to the wholesale sellers, on the basis of 1½ per cent. on the profit of the wholesalers, should be increased, and that the time of delivery should be lengthened from August, which obtained, up till that year, to November. From the copy of the terms and conditions of sale for the season 1913, which have now been handed to the wholesale houses, it may be gleaned how far the association has met their wishes. In the first place it would appear that the association will not allow the wholesale houses to make any more profit than in the immediate past, as may be seen from the following specifics—

Special discount may be allowed as follows:—To buyers who have bought and paid for during the season from March 1 in one year to February 28 in the following year the undermentioned quantities, upon the certificate of the secretary of the association that their applying for such discount they had made a statutory declaration that they had observed and kept prices, terms, and conditions fixed by the association, and that he approves of the application being granted:—

20 tons and under 25 tons ..... 4 per cent.
25 tons and under 50 tons ..... 4½ per cent.
50 tons and under 75 tons ..... 4½ per cent.
75 tons and under 100 tons ..... 4½ per cent.
100 tons and over ..... 5 per cent.

An extension of the period of delivery has been granted, clause 14 stating that deliveries of purchases of 40 tons or over of currants, raisins, or sultanas, or of all of them, may be made in equal amounts each month to November 1. No extended delivery, however, is given in apricots, peaches, or muscatels. In the past wholesale houses have raised the price of the dried fruits of their own volition when they believed stocks have been short, and if they have been well bought they have made additional profit. In the terms of the present year, it is stated that the association may, without notice, at any time raise prices, and in such an event such increased prices shall apply to all new contracts, and to all portions of existing contracts undelivered to buyers, by wholesalers, even if such undelivered portions of contracts have been paid for by the buyer. Thus the association takes to itself power to receive any additional profit which may accrue from a shortage of stocks at any time. As in the past, no reduction is permitted to be made by the association to the stocks held by first-hand buyers, and to the undelivered portion of contracts.

There is a very innocent-looking clause, which reads as follows:—

No agent shall sell to any buyer who has not acknowledged to the secretary of the association receipt of this list of prices, terms, and conditions.

At the meeting of the association in November last a proposal was made, it is understood, that a list of buyers should be drawn up, and that sales by the association should be made only to those buyers. The subject was approached with some hesitation, because it was conceived that such an agreement might be held to be a restraint of trade. The clause above quoted would lead to the inference that such a list of buyers has been prepared, and that only to those buyers will the association sell. Should this be the case, it will mean that the principal caterers who use large quantities of dried fruits instead of dealing direct with the agents of the association, and thus obtaining the rebate, will be compelled to buy from the wholesale houses, and will be on the same footing as the retailer.

PROPRIETARY FOODS.

The recently-formed proprietary foods committee of the Chamber of Commerce has recommended that the committee's work shall be confined to infant and invalids' foods, for diet, including condensed milk, and that the title of the section be the "Infants' and Invalids' Foods and Condensed Milk Section Committee," also that Mr. F. G. Shrimpton be chairman, and Mr. J. A. Wilson be a member of the committee. At the recent new meeting these recommendations were adopted

TEA IMPORTS.

Imports of tea into Sydney for December amounted to 1,015,981lb., compared with 625,617lb in December, 1911. The total imports for the year 1912 amounted to 16,270,700 lb, compared with 14,908,581lb in 1911.

BREADSTUFFS.

THE MARKET EASY.

The market was easy yesterday, wheat being sold at prices without change from those of the previous day. Shippers were paying the growers on the basis of 3/6½ ex trucks, Sydney, and those city millers who were really operating were paying up to 3/7. Others quoted 3/6½ as their buying price.

Had parcels on offer at 3/7, with an intimation that an offer of 3/6½ would probably be accepted. London advices stated that buyers were haggling, the easy market having spoiled them. The sale of a steamer cargo of early January shipment was reported at 28/6, the best so far this season, and another at 28/4½.

Flour was quiet. The bakers were again holding off the market. The association price was:—City brands, £9/10/; country brands, £9/7/6.

WHEAT TRAFFIC BLOCKED.

The harvest is now ready to be shipped to the seaboard, and as usual there is what the railway authorities call a congestion of traffic, but what the outside man more bluntly terms a block on the lines. Neither shipper nor miller can get down the wheat which he has bough tin the quantities desired. This year it is not only want of trucks and the insufficient duplication which are blamed for the delay but an additional factor has added its influence. There are not sufficient locomotives to shift the produce of the country, because it is not only wheat which is suffering, but also chaff, and it is understood that chaff takes precedence of wheat. Complaints of delay in despatch and of inability to obtain trucks reach the millers and shippers from their agents at nearly every station. It is not contended that New South Wales is singular in this respect. Complaints have been made from time to time in Victoria, and only last year a great block occurred on the Canadian wheat lines. As far as our own lines are concerned, there is one ray of hope, the railways appear to have done a little better this year than last year as the following table of weekly arrivals of wheat at Darling Island and other metropolitan stations shows:—

Week ended.	1912-13. Tons.	1911-12. Tons.
Dec. 28	10,813	17,116
Dec. 31	11,981	17,688
Jan. 7	24,158	29,098
Jan. 14	22,211	19,582

The improvement is not much, but, still, there is improvement, and that is something. In the meantime wheat in the country is being stacked in the open, and loading at Darling Island is delayed.

LOADINGS AND STACKS.

During the week ended January 11 the quantity of wheat despatched from country stations was 416,353 bags, compared with 406,453 bags for the previous week, and 343,678 bags for the same period of last year. The following statement shows the number of bags despatched from the districts mentioned for the week ended January 11:—

District.	No. of Bags.
Junee	50,077
Goulburn	46,551
Wyalong	40,000
Bathurst	24,320
Narrandi	53,742
Total	416,353

From December 1 to January 11 there were despatched from country stations 1,531,840 bags, compared with 1,529,312 bags in the corresponding period of the previous season.

The stocks in country stations and at Darling Island on January 11 were 918,587 bags, compared with 329,920 bags on the previous Saturday, and 3,135,065 bags on January 13 of 1912.

The stacks were distributed according to districts on Saturday last as follows:—

District.	No. of Bags.
Junee	383,450
Goulburn	69,990
Wyalong	130,000
Eskbank	15,740
Narrandi	21,100
Darling Island	149,020
Total	918,587

According to stations the stacks were distributed as follows:—

Station.	No. of bags.	Station.	No. of bags.
JUNEE DISTRICT.		Oaklands	3,700
Wallendbeen	2,700	Yerong Creek	6,065
Brawlin	500	Henty	3,000
Ganmain	3,950	Ulonbon	2,000
Oaklegal	900	Walla Walla	4,000
Stockinbingal	12,653	Burrumbuttock	6,150
Springdale	5,000	Mullenjaley	12,411
Coolamon	7,000	Ballidah	10,000
Junee	8,000	Hopefield	20,177
Limbri	2,250	Corowa	400
Quandry	4,300	Corowa	814
Arah Park	18,152	Table Top	600
Mirool	14,400	GOULBURN DISTRICT.	
Bookem	28,750	Mossvale's Siding	3,981
Callenbon	15,300	Wong	1,150
Kamarah	3,923	Greenthorpe	3,500
Moombooldool	2,251	Gremell	32,000
Barellan	4,000	ORANGE DISTRICT.	
Reefton	14,000	Molong	4,350
Burmedman	26,517	Manildra	3,500
Yiddah	8,387	Parkes	22,400
Ungarie	13,950	Forbes	24,500
Blabo	4,000	Bogan Gate	10,810
Marinna	8,000	Trundle	1,910
Old Junee	25,146	Tullamore	3,310
Berrar	11,000	Wellington	5,100
Coolamon	31,000	Geurie	48,200
Ganmain	25,150	Wongarbon	9,000
Matong	12,300	Dubbo	1,200
Strong Strong	3,450	Orban	Nil.
Berigan	3,982	Peak Hill	29,120
Findley	8,321	ESKBANK DISTRICT.	
Walbriggle	700	Bodgery	600
Harefield	9,357	Woodstock	1,400
Sheppard's Siding	600	Westville	2,000
Bomen	3,000	Canowindra	9,000
Wagga Wagga	20,000	MURRUMBIDGEE DISTRICT.	
Cranbourne	20,000	West Tamworth	500
Bon Accord	7,992	Gidley	3,000
The Rock	14,000	Appleby	1,000
Tootool	1,853	Miranda	4,000
French Park	7,650	Manilla	7,000
Milbrulong	11,916	Barraba	700
Lockhart	20,000	Bendemeer	1,200
Long Park	3,000	Delungra	4,

MINING.

COPPER RECOVERS. LEAD FALLS.

TONE OF MARKET IMPROVES.

SHARE VALUES HARDEN A LITTLE.

The feeling of panic that swept over the market on Wednesday, consequent on the big drop in copper, and the easier share values on the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday, disappeared altogether yesterday morning, and was succeeded by a more hopeful tone all round.

This was due to the fact that a brokers' rable message announced that the price of copper had recovered £2/4, and once more stood over £70 per ton. This created a decidedly good impression, and, indeed, discounted the fact that the price of lead had fallen 10/ to £16/17/6. As a matter of fact, the recovery in the price of copper not only put an end to the "pannicky" feeling of the previous day, but was followed by a hardening of prices for copper propositions.

It was also a striking circumstance that Barriers were not adversely affected by the further decline in lead. As a matter of fact, the tone of the market for silver shares was decidedly an improvement on the weak investment day of the previous day. This was a most significant circumstance, as it clearly showed that the market was not inherently weak.

The announcement made by our London correspondent that the irregular price of copper was due to "bear" sales, was assumed by local operators to mean that the decline in the red metal was due mainly to the operations of the "bears" than to the failure of the Peace Conference, especially seeing that the price had speedily recovered, though no change for the better had taken place in the Balkan-Turkey situation. In these circumstances the "pannicky" feeling of Wednesday passed away entirely.

On reflection, those speculators who rushed to sell out of their copper stocks, in the belief that the price was in for a further big fall, saw they had been too premature, and rushed to get back again. Those who had sold "short" also concluded it was time to "cover," and between the two, the demand for scrip was the cause of the recovery in values.

The further fall in the price of lead did not convince the "short" sellers that a further fall would take place. It was just as likely, they argued, that the price would recover as rapidly as copper had done, hence the "shorts" in Barriers also started to buy, with the rather anomalous result that share values hardened in the face of a falling lead market.

The improved tone in the silver division was shown by the fact that sales at recovering rates were booked in B.H. Consolidated, B.H. Junction North maintained a steady position, that British (privileged) commanded steady support, that British (old) and Sulphides (ord.) were unobtainable at solid rates, and that B.H. Proprietary and Zinc Corporation (pref.) and Amalgamated Zinc were held very firm. North Broken Hills (new) also sold firmly when compared with the London Stock Exchange quotation.

In the copper division, operators who sold back to 49/ the previous day, rushed to get back, consequent on the recovery in the price of copper, hence the value hardened from 49/ to 50/. Mount Morgans also sold at a solid rate, whilst the tone of the market generally for copper stocks was in striking contrast to the despondency existing the previous day.

Both the gold and tin divisions were overshadowed by the attention paid to copper and silver interests, hence the business in the case of the former was small, whilst the latter did not furnish one transaction, though the Tongkah group was very firmly held.

The position of affairs, as regards values, was practically unaltered, as the result of the limited amount of business transacted during the afternoon. The tone of the market was likewise unaltered—both buyers and sellers being content to await further developments from London.

According to our London correspondent, dealing at the close on Wednesday's business, copper was unchanged, lead had receded 7/6 to £16/17/6, the spot price of tin had advanced 15/ to £228/10/, whilst the three months' price was £226, or £1 higher.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—To-day's quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Budgery	— .. —	0 2 6
Chillagoe	0 2 6 .. 0 2 7½	0 2 8
Grafton	— .. —	0 15 0
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	2 10 0 .. 2 10 3	2 10 4
Mount Elliott	7 19 .. 8 0 0	8 0 0
Kangiara	0 2 0 .. —	—
Kyloe	— .. —	0 2 0
Queen Bee	0 0 9 .. 0 1 0	0 1 6
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 18 0 .. 1 18 3	1 18 6
TIN.		
Gilmore	— .. —	0 0 8
Vegetable Creek	0 0 2 .. 0 1 0	—
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	2 5 6 .. 2 5 7½	2 5 7½
British (privileged)	1 14 1 .. 1 14 2	1 14 2
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 7 2 .. 2 7 3	2 7 4
Ditto, Block 10	1 15 6 .. 1 17 0	1 17 0
Ditto, Block 14	0 8 6 .. —	—
Ditto, preference	— .. —	0 10 10
B.H. Junction	0 7 1 .. 0 7 2	0 7 1½
Ditto, pref.	0 8 2 .. 0 8 3	0 8 3
B.H. Junction North	0 14 9 .. 0 14 10	0 14 6½
B.H. North (new)	0 3 1 .. 0 3 2	0 3 0
B.H. South	7 12 .. 7 14 0	7 14 0
B.H. South, contg.	7 4 0 .. 7 5 0	7 5 0
Amalgamated Zinc	1 17 0 .. 1 17 6	1 17 6
Sulphide Corporation, ord.	1 6 .. 1 7 0	1 6 6
Zinc Corporation, ord.	0 15 6 .. 0 15 9	0 15 9
Ditto, pref.	1 18 0 .. —	—
New Burragorang	0 4 0 .. —	—
Ltd., contg.	— .. —	0 4 0
Radium Hill (old)	— .. —	17 0 0
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker Creek	0 0 11½ .. 0 1 1½	0 1 1½
Hawkins Hill Reward	0 4 6 .. —	0 4 8
Mount David	0 0 4 .. —	0 0 6
Occidental	0 3 3 .. —	0 3 6
Gold - Dredging and Sluicing.		
Araluen Central	— .. —	0 1 0
Ovens Valley	— .. —	0 3 0
Tewkesbury Amalgamated	— .. —	0 6 0
TIN.		
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Bourke's Hill Tin	— .. —	0 12 6
Stanley-borpe (pref.)	0 10 0 .. —	—
Tongkah Harbour Tin	— .. —	2 0 0
Ditto, compound	3 8 6 .. 3 9 6	3 9 6
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	1 3 3 .. —	—
Queensland.		
Charters Towers, etc.		
Brilliant Central	0 0 8 .. 0 1 0	0 1 0
Mount Morgan	3 2 0 .. 3 2 6	3 2 6
New Queen Cross Reef	— .. —	0 2 4
Western Australia.		
Associated, Northern Blocks	0 10 6 .. —	—
Bullfinch Proprietary	0 14 2 .. 0 14 3	0 14 3
Chaffer's	0 1 0 .. 0 1 4	0 1 4
Great Boulder	0 11 2 .. —	—
Kalgurli South	— .. —	0 9 0

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper:—Mount Elliotts, £7/13/; Hampdens, 6 week 50/, 50/, cash 50/; Mount Morgan, 62/6; Mount Oxides (not on official list), £35/10/.

Silver.—B.H. Junction North, 14/10½, 14/9, 14/7½; B.H. South (contg.), 6 weeks, £7/5/; British (privileged), 34/; B.H. Junction (ord.), 7/3; North Broken Hill (new), 45/6.

Gold:—Mount David, /4; Bullfinch Proprietary, 6 weeks 13/9; cash 13/10, 14/.

Tin.—Nil.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Hampdens, 50/; Chillagoe, 2/7; Mount Morgans, 62/6.

Silver.—British (old), 45/6; British (privileged), 34/3; B.H. Junction (ord.), 7/1½; B.H. Junction North, 14/9; North Broken Hill (new), 45/6.

Gold.—Bullfinch Proprty., 14/2.

Tin.—Tongkah Compound, six weeks, 69/6; ord., 69/; six weeks, 70/; Tongkah Harbour, 39/3.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

A brokers' cable message states that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were the following "middle" prices:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 42/6; Broken Hill North, (new), 45/3; Broken Hill Block 10, 36/6; British (old), 46/; Mount Elliott, £7/16/3; Great Cobar, 33/9; Mount Morgan, 63/9; Hampdens, 50/3; Yuanmi 10/3; Associated, 6/9; Northerns, 11/9; Boulder Perseverance, 2/3.

Copper, £70/10/6 (12/6 recovery); lead, £16/17/6 (10/ down).

LONDON, Jan. 16.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday, shares in Australian mining ventures were quoted as follows:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 41/9 s 42/9; Broken Hill South, b 151/3, s 153/9; Hampden, b 49/6, s 50/6; Mount Elliott, b 153/9, s 156/3.

MINING NOTES

The Y Water Tin Mining Company, Emmaville, has declared a dividend of 1/ per share, payable on January 28.

The manager in Cloncurry of the North Duchess Copper Company, no liability, reports under date, January 7:—"Splashes and streaks of chalcopyrites are still being met with; the formation of calcite is very wide, and I do not anticipate striking anything of importance until we get to the footwall. Water interferes somewhat with progress, but appears to be slackening off."

At the Rock shaft of the Vegetable Creek tin mine, the leading drive advanced 4ft and reefed, and a new leading drive started 10ft from the end of the north crosscut. The low-level crosscut west No. 2 advanced 6ft and reefed. The low-level drive north was advanced 25ft, 18in fair wash for 20ft, and 24in wash now in the face. A north drive started about 600ft from shaft shows 12in of wash in face. At Allen's shaft the main crosscut is in very hard country; total 57ft. At Chandler's shaft the main drive shows 9in of good wash. The week's output was 18cwt of tin oxide.

In a combined run of 831 hours during the past fortnight, four dredges of the Towkesbury Amalgamated Company treated 44,780 cubic yards of material, for 95oz 15dwt gold. The value of the ground was 2.01d per cubic yard. In the same fortnight, the dredge of the Ovens Valley Company handled 9733 cubic yards of material, for a recovery of 44oz gold. The value of the ground was 4.245d per cubic yard. The dredge of the Buckland River Company, in 324 hours, treated 14,563 cubic yards of material, for 110oz 15dwt. The value of the ground was 7.33d per cubic yard.

The Chillagoe Company reports for the week ending January 11:—Einasleigh mine, starting sinking main shaft, water troublesome. Hoisting Nos. 3 and 4 levels. Ore raised 396 tons, estimated value or ore, 1 2-8 per cent. copper. Eclipse:—Lower tunnel winze, No. 4, stoping east, with fair grade ore in back. Winze, No. 5, down 22ft. Good ore beginning to make in bottom. Paisley:—Started work, road bad owing to rain. Lindale tunnel:—Contract let extension of tunnel. Ore shipments:—Lotting about 100 tons from Mount Lucy to-day.

A message from Queenstown last evening stated that one furnace at the Mount Lyell mines was in blast, and 50 tons were coming daily from Comstock, but this quantity would shortly be increased. A powerful pump was being installed at the 700ft level to assist in unwatering the North Lyell mine. There was a shortage of labour for surface work.

AMALGAMATED HILL END.

£30,000 GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY.

WHY IS IT WITHHELD?

The second ordinary general meeting of Amalgamated Hill End, Ltd., was held in Sydney on Tuesday, Sir J. H. Carruthers presiding. There was a large attendance of shareholders.

The chairman, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, alluded to the fact that many years ago a Government subsidy of £30,000 was offered to any company to do the work which this company was doing alone. True, the Mines Department had offered a subsidy of some £2000 to sink a shaft from the lower tunnel at a point which it would take many months to reach, but no explanation had been given as to why this larger subsidy was withheld. They had been given to understand that it was a case of carrying out Mr. Pittman's (the Under-Secretary for Mines) scheme, which was to drive a tunnel from the Turon River, or go without the subsidy. They were advised by numerous mining engineers, including Mr. William Cundy, the eminent Victorian geological surveyor, that this scheme would cost over £100,000; would take 10 years to carry out; was impracticable, and that the same development could be done, and the same depth reached, for less than half the sum, and in less time. Surely it was the duty of the Government to find whether Mr. Pittman was right or wrong. The managing director and many others unhesitatingly declared that it is a visionary scheme, and he only asked that the Government should find out, and the best way to do that was to submit the scheme to three interstate independent disinterested mining engineers, and abide by the result.

Mr. J. E. Scantlebury, by means of Mr. Cundy's plans, explained the development work already done, and the prospecting in progress. In starting this amalgamation, he said, Mr. Pittman assured him that the subsidy would be renewed, provided a tunnel was driven from the Turon River. He told that official that the scheme was impracticable. His experience on the field since that time warranted him in repeating that assertion.

The report and balance sheet were approved and adopted, and Mr. C. J. Peterkin, the retiring director, was re-elected. A resolution to increase the board from three to five was defeated by a large majority. The retiring auditors, Messrs. Starkey and Starkey, were re-elected, and a vote of confidence in the board was passed.

B.H. BLOCK 10 COMPANY.

During the four weeks ended January 8 the mill of the B.H. Block 10 Company treated 4615 tons of ore, assaying 10.8oz silver, 12.2 per cent. lead, and 13.6 per cent. zinc; and produced 635 tons of concentrates, assaying 35.7oz silver, 64 per cent. lead, and 6 per cent. zinc. The holidays were responsible for the lower tonnage.

MINING IN THE STATE.

YAMBULLA, Thursday.

There are not many miners working here just now, yet all who are at work are on fair gold. Lewis and party are having a paddock of stone treated at the Federal battery, and the plates are looking well. Bowman and party, of the prospecting claim, have a good-sized crushing stone at grass, and are about to send four tons of sulphide ore to Cockle Creek. The tailings from the first battery worked by the Solomon Company, Yambulla mines, have been taken up for cyanidation.

GRAFTON COPER MINE.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The manager of the Grafton Copper-mining Company reports for the week ended January 11 as follows:—"A level was advanced 16ft to 18ft 9in, and B level drive driven 13ft without change. Both these drives are now in hard country. D intermediate level was driven 3ft 3in to 133ft 6in, and a little mixed ore was passed through. No. 1 winze (A level) was sunk 3ft 6in to 11ft in a 6ft 6in ore body. No. 6 winze (C level) was sunk 3ft to 8ft, sulphide ore showing in the south end. On the surface below B level a prospecting adit has been driven 10ft, and met a vein of carbonate ore averaging 15in in width. Some 167 tons of ore were produced for the week, principally from B and C levels, the stopes at A level stopes have been timbered, and part of the drive striped for a double road."

B.H. BLOCK 10 MINE.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The B.H. Block 10 mine has again got into full work, and is well supplied with men. The south-west drive (615ft level) has been carried a further 9ft through old fillings. This drive is from the end of the last crosscut, which was taken in and stopped. Nos. 4 and 5 diamond drill bores (315ft) proved nothing of value, and were stopped. No. 6 bore from the 415ft level plat (main shaft) was carried to 294ft all through country. This bore is going horizontally south-west.

During the past official fortnight the despatches were 139 tons of leady concentrates and 2208 tons of by-products.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—

Morning: Amalgamated Zinc, 37/9; Broken Hill Junction North, 14/7, 14/6, 14/5; Hampden, 50/6; Sungei Bata, 20/; Bullfinch Proprietary, 13/7, 13/6, 13/10; South West Syndicate, 20/; Great Langi Logan, 3/3; Langi Logan North, 4/2; New Langi Logan, 2/6, 2/3; North Central Plateau, 4/1.

Afternoon:—Silver: Amalgamated Zinc, 37/9; Broken Hill Proprietary, 42/6; B.H. Junction North, 14/7, 14/6, 14/9.

Copper: Chillagoe, 2/5; Hampden, 50/6, 50/3; Mount Lyell, 23/9; Lyell Blocks, 1/4, 1/4½.

Tin: Bourke's Hill, 11/3; Brandy, 9/2; Sungei Raia, 20/; Stanley's Creek (Central), 2/4.

Gold: Cathcart, 21/9; ditto, paid, 19/6; Great Langi Logan, 3/3, 3/5; Langi Logan North, 4/2, 4/6; Langi Logan South, 18/9; Long Tunnel, 2/; 2/3; New Langi Logan, 2/4, 2/4½, 2/6; North Central Plateau, 4/1, 4/2; North Nuggety Ajax, 24/, 24/3, 23/6; Victoria Consols, 6/6; Central Plateau, 36/, 37/; Adelong Estates, 29/6; Bullfinch Proprietary, 13/7, 13/6, 14/; Bullfinch Consols, 4/1; Edna May, 30/, 31/; ditto, Vendors, 28/, 30/; Nor' West Syndicate, 10/.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—

Morning: Wallaroo, 38/6; Bullfinch Proprietary, 14/3, 13/11½; Associated Northerns, 11/6; Chaffers, 1/4½; Golden Butterfly (con.), 1/6.

Noon: Bullfinch Proprietary, 14/3; Tarcoola Blocks, 4½.

The closing sales and quotations were:—

Copper: Chillagoe, 2/5, s 2/6; Hampden, b 50/, s 51/; Mount Elliott, b £7; Mount Lyell, b 23/6, s 24/; Kyloe, b 2/, s 2/3; Wallaroo, b 38/, s 38/6.

Silver: Broken Hill Proprietary, b 42/44, s 42/9; B.H. Block 14 (pref.), b 10/4½; ditto, ord., b 8/10; British (old), 45/9, 45/6, b 45/6, s 45/9; British (new), b 32/9, s 34/3; B.H. Junction (ord.), 7/-, 7/0½, b 6/11, 7/-; B.H. Junction North, 14/9, 14/0, b 14/6, s 14/9; B.H. North, b 44/6; B.H. South (paid), sales £7/12/6; ditto, con., £7/4/-, b £7/3/6, s £7/4/6; South Extended, b 2/6; Sulphide (ord.), b 30/9, s 27/3.

Gold: Lake View Star, b 2/11, s 3/1; Associated Northern, 11/6, 10/10½, 11/-, b 11/-, s 11/3; Great Boulder, b 11/10½, 11/9½, s 12/-; Boulder No. 1, b 6/, s 7/; Marvel Loch, b 1/8, s 1/9; Payne's Development, b 2/6; Sons of Gwalia, b 21/, s 21/6; Sandstone, s /2; Sweet William, b /8, s /10½.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Carlisle, 12/10; Golden Age, 5/10½; Golden Pyke, 20/; Goldfields North, 7½; New Golden Fleece, 6/3; New Moon Consols, 7/; Red, White, and Blue, 2/2, 2/3; Sea, 3/8; Suffolks United, 6/; Unity, 1/11; Victoria Consols, 6/5½; Windmill Hill, 6/1½.

HOBART, Thursday.

Stock Exchange quotations:—Hercules, 12/, s 13/; Mount Farrell, b /2; North Mount Farrell, s 4/; South Mount Farrell, s 24/3; Lyell Blocks, b 1/3, s 1/7; Briseis, b 9/, s 9/9; Mount Bischoff, s £30/15/; Tongkah, b 39/6, s 40/6, Tongkah Compounds, b 69/, s 78/.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—New Queen Cross, 2/3, 2/2.

CHARTERS TOWERS Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—B. Deeps, 20/; B. Block, 5/; B. Extended, 1/11; Mexican (paid), 1/8, 1/9; B. Freehold, 8/10; Queen's Cross, 2/3.

MOUNT OXIDE MINES.

The general manager of the Mount Oxide Mines, Ltd., in a letter dated December 30, states:—Main adit level: North drive advanced 3ft 6in, total 278ft. No. 3 winze (No. 1 crosscut): Plat still being stripped in second grade ore. The seam of solid glance will be stripped out this coming week. This plat is being cut out large, so as to allow plenty of room for installing an air winch and head gear at a later date. From this plat 64 tons of ore, averaging 12 per cent., was raised during the week. No. 2 winze: Work commenced here on Monday, the 30th inst. Two shifts of three men per shift of Charters Towers miners have been at work per day. The 185ft level: North drive advanced 3ft 11in, total 89ft 7in. Ore seldom 45 per cent. over 50ft 6in. Face still in good ore, but very hard. From the main adit chute, 15 tons of ore, averaging 15 per cent., were raised. North shaft: sunk 4ft, total of 109ft. 6in. The shaft is making a quantity of water, being soakage from recent rains. Levels: Have employed some of the men sinking north shaft in stripping and strengthening up the main adit level north. This level has to be stripped out to allow for two sets of rails. General: Good rains have fallen in the district. At the mine we obtained 150 points, which was sufficient to fill all the soaks, and run some of the small creeks. Ore on hand, 63 tons, bagged, averaging 45.7 per cent; 110 tons, 1st, 45 per cent., and 3873 tons 2nds, worth 17 per cent.

BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY.

MONTH'S OUTPUT.

The output of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company during the four weeks ended February 15 was as follows:—

	Silver. Ozs.	Lead. Tons.
Company's ore	131,962	5783
From purchased ores	140,412	5697
Total	271,674	0076

Zinc concentrates produced 6582 tons, containing silver 85,944oz, soft lead 609 tons, zinc 3038 tons.

During the same period 37 tons of antimonial lead were produced.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Black Range Mining Company, Jan. 12.—Main shaft sunk 5ft, stone 18in, low grade. No. 10 level: South drive extended 11ft, total 62ft. Stone 10ft, value 1 dwt. South stope, stone 54in, value 2dwt. No. 9 level: Stopes north and south, average 3ft, value from 10 to 15 dwt. No. 7 level: Stopes average 2ft, value 10dwt. No. 3 level: North drive off cut crossed, extended 14ft, total 36ft; stone 30in, value 1oz. south drive off same extended 3ft, total 48ft; formation and leaders. Stopes 2 to 6 feet, value 15 to 20 dwt. No. 1 level: South drive extended 14ft; formation and leaders.

Kyloe Copper Mines, January 11:—No. 7 level: Driving north and south levels continued, north drive advanced 8ft to 46ft, and south drive 12ft to 75ft. North drive face shows 20in of ore assaying 6.6 per cent., and south drive face, while maintaining about the same width as last reported, viz., 30in, has fallen in value to 1.8 per cent. No. 6 level, north drive, shows 15in of ore, assaying 2.4 per cent. During week mill ran 126½ hours, and treated 188 tons of 4.9 per cent. ore, 9 tons of prill ore, containing 1.6 ton of copper, were removed from picking belt; 14 tons of jig concentrates, containing 2.76 tons of copper, and 16 tons of flota ton concentrates containing 3.77 tons of copper were produced. Mill recovery 91.3 per cent. Prill ore bagged for despatch 6f tons.

Bodangora Gold Mines, January 11:—Mine manager's report to January 11, 1913: Main shaft sunk 16ft, total 602ft; 600ft level, west, driven 32ft, total 866ft, reef 16in; No. 2 west winze, sunk 16 ft, total 61ft, reef 20in; 600ft stope, stoping average size of reef 16in; Horseshoe section, average thickness of reef throughout stopes 12in; Mack's section, west drive, driven 9ft, total 23ft, reef 12in. Ore raised from all sources 114 tons.

RADIUM.

THE WORKS IN CORNWALL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As a recent arrival from the old country, I was greatly interested in becoming aware of the existence of a company operating in radio-active ores on so large a scale as the above-named company appears to be doing. Particularly interested, having regard to the fact that up to within three years ago I was for 20 years intimately associated with the production of large quantities of radiferous bromide from the pre-eminent uranium lode a, Grampound-road, Cornwall, the lode from which material was obtained upon which eminent scientists—Sir William Ramsay, Sir William Crookes, and the Curies, amongst others—worked quietly and patiently for years, with the astonishing results which are now before the world.

As this subject appears to be attracting considerable interest at present, discussion in the land of vast potentialities, I have called at random from my notes data upon this fascinating subject a few memoranda which may be of interest to your readers.

The late Hon. J. A. Bruti, in 1903, in a lecture on "Radio-active Changes in the Earth," remarked that in England pitchblende, the source of radium, is found only in Cornwall in veins in granite and slate, and answering a question as to how it got there, proposed the answer that it was derived from the surrounding granite, which examination showed to contain radium to the amount of one part in a million million, at which rate, minute as it appeared, the total quantities of radium in the crust of the earth to a depth of 40 or 50 miles would more than account for the internal heat of the earth.

As a matter of fact, in the uranium mine at Grampound-road, in which the Hon. R. J. Strutt probably referred, the radio-active substance was disseminated throughout the entire lode associated principally with iron, arsenic, copper, and tin, and occurring above the water level in the decomposed state of uranic oxide, and as depth was attained, viz., at 20 fathoms, consentrating in the form of rich pitchblende, which, at 30 to 40 fathoms, assayed up to 25 per cent U308 (uranium oxide).

The shareholders in the Radium Hill Company are to be indeed congratulated, in view of the fact that they secured, as it has, such an early stage in the company's history, achieved and evolved the most efficient and economical method of extracting bromide of radium from their ore, his claims to have done which are, I understand, corroborated by an eminent professor of science.

The present amusing exchange of badinage in your columns between shareholders of divergent views appeals to me very pertinently, as reminding me of the unhappy differences which arose and wrecked the first company which worked the Cornish lode, and recalls my own severe cross-examination by, then, Mr. Haldane, Q.C., now Viscount Haldane, as to whether ours was a true Cornish lode, whether it contained uranium, whether there was a market for the product, etc., etc., and the subsequent adverse decision and winding up of the company, after which, under a new regime, thousands of tons of uranium were profitably extracted and sold from rich pitchblende raised from the mine.

My experiences, it must be remembered, were many years ago, when researches connected with radium were in their infancy, and I recall, with a shudder, the fact that at our chemical works in London hundreds of tons of pitchblende were treated for the extraction of uranic oxide, the even then really marketable commodity, and the slimes which have since been demonstrated to be rich in radium were actually carted away at a cost per ton to be thrown into any hole available for the reception of refuse.

In the case of the Radium Hill Company, however, no such fiasco as this has to be feared. The pioneers have done their work, the scientists of Europe have reported in the market, and all minor details as to the point to the, as far as humanly possible certainty of finding ore in the richer form of pitchblende as depth is attained.

In connection with most enterprises which appeal to the public for support there will generally be found those willing to belittle a concern in which they cannot "get a finger in the pie." I find amongst my data an extract from "The Pall Mall Magazine" for 1906, as to a student, whilst working for a competition in scientific photography, having discovered a substance called "pechblede," said to possess the same properties as uranium yet 625 times more active, one-sixth of the then value of radium bromide, but as this was reported in 1906, and bromide of radium still maintains its value, it serves as an apt illustration of my remarks, and I trust may give pause to any who would decry a new industry.

I trust I may be pardoned for the length at which I have written, but as one so intimately acquainted with the subject, and having been connected with the production and sale of many thousands of pounds' worth of the product of radio-active ore, I feel deeply interested, and desire to see the success of an enterprise which is being get-blicked under most very much more favourable auspices than those with whose fortunes I was connected.

I am, etc.,
ALEX. J. LEDIE.

SWIMMING.

COOGEE SURF CLUB.

Results of two races at the Coogee Aquarium Baths: 66yds Breast-stroke: H. Baker, 1; C. Green, 2; C. M'Leod, 3.

50yds Back-stroke: H. Baker, 1; C. Gitsham, 2; J. Leary, 3.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

The following handicaps were decided at the Coogee Aquarium Baths by Randwick and Coogee Ladies and Gentlemen's Club:—

Ladies' Race, 50yds.—First heat: M Hayes, 5lb, 1; E. Hayes, 8s, 2; M. Meade, 6s, 3. Time, 58s. Second heat: M. Booth, 24s, 1; A. Hayes, 8s, 2; E. Sinfield, 6s, 3. Time, 55s. Third heat: E. Adams, 12s, 1; A. Docker, 13s, 2; J. Shuttleworth, 4s, 3. Time, 50s. Final: M. Hayes, 5lb, 1; E. Adams, 12s, 2; M. Booth, 24s, 3. Time, 57½s.

Gentlemen's Race, 50yds.—First heat: A. English, 10s, 1; Moore, 8s, 2; J. Murphy, 6s, 3. Time, 53s. Second heat: J. Nelson, 8s, 1; H. M'Kenzie, 6s, 2; A. Murphy, 0s, 3. Time, 30½s. Third heat: H. Ollife, 6s, 1; R. Hardy, 6s, 2; J. Strachan, 8s, 3. Time, 29s. Fourth heat: A. Taylor, 8s, 1; J. Stunts, 8s, 2; H. Horton, 12s, 3. Time, 25½s. Fifth heat: W. Hughes, 8s, 1; A. Cuddihy, 6s, 2; P. Baker, 6s, 3. Time, 24s. Sixth heat: C. Heard, 8s, 1; E. Anderson, 8s, 2; S. Dugdale, 10s, 3. Time, 24s. Final: A. English, 10s, 1; H. Ollife, 6s, 2; J. Nelson, 8s, 3. Time, 25s.

The club will continue its weekly races on Tuesday evening at Coogee Aquarium. Members who intend to play polo should be in attendance at the baths on Friday evening at 7 o'clock to practise.

QUEENSLAND HALF-MILE RACE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The half-mile swimming championship of Queensland was won to-night by F. W. Springfield in 12m 57s. It had been stipulated that if the winner covered the distance under 12m 30s he would probably be selected the second Queensland representative at the Australasian championship at Hobart. Springfield failed to do so by 2s.

CAN YOU DISCOVER YOUR WAISTLINE?

Thousands of women who are just perceiving their ever-growing tendency to join the heavyweight division are daily and hourly worrying over the question:—"How to keep from getting fat?" That's where the rub comes in, and generally the rub doesn't do much good. Every fat woman would give worlds to "come back" to the point where she is able to slip her hand between waistline. By dint of much hard work and starvation diet some of them get back to the sylph-like condition, where they are able to raise a hand to half a trancer without exploding, but this is as far as they get.

There is, though, one safe, sure, speedy, and permanent cure for excess fat, viz.,

FORMITZEN FOR FATNESS.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The "magpie" grass track was in use yesterday morning at Randwick, and afforded good galloping. Maitlana got over a mile in 1m 52s, while Royal Merv left six furlongs behind in 1m 24s. Asoic and Rack disposed of half a mile in 52s, and En Haut put up 1m 50s for a mile gallop. Miocene went strongly over nine furlongs, and Malt Lily spurted freely over four furlongs. Lochano made no time over a mile and a furlong, and Burri went smartly over a few furlongs. Patrimony registered a strong mile, and Duko spurted, as did Pert. Boy Blue traversed nine furlongs in 2m 9⅘s, while Shoalhaven ran half a mile in 53⅘s. The course proper was available at special fees, but only Golden Hop and Noogilla worked on it, the former running six furlongs in 1m 22⅘s; while Noogilla covered five furlongs in 1m 6s. On the tan Moorilla ran a mile at a good strong pace, as did Jasmar and Harpist separately. Popinjay slipped over a short course, while Odist and Crown Grant took 1m 21s for six furlongs. Embracer did long, strong work, and Alured went at a good pace over six furlongs. Midge B. defeated Cayenne over six furlongs in 1m 23s, and Adgio moved freely over a few furlongs.

The withdrawals recorded yesterday in connection with the A.J.C. Anniversary meeting were: Blairgour, Royal Merv, and Brave Heart, out of the Challenge Stakes; and Bastanno, out of all engagements.

Werris Creek Jockey Club (February 26) race meeting has been granted registration by the A.J.C.

The scratchings notified yesterday in connection with the Warwick Farm January meeting were: Penasnt, out of the Flying Handicap; Straathroan and Penasnt, out of the Liverpool Mile; Endear and Crema, out of the Juvenile Handicap; Strathroyale and Necktie, out of the Warwick Handicap; and Fighting Cock and Happy Miss, out of the Pace Welter.

Delenda, who ran second to Pendil in the Australian Cup, has (wires our Melbourne correspondent) been sold for export to India for stud purposes.

BONG BONG PICNIC RACE CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

THALMOUS WINS BONG BONG CUP.

FIRST DAY.

MOSS VALE, Thursday.

The twenty-seventh annual race meeting of the Bong Bong Picnic Race Club was opened to-day on the local course, under favourable weather conditions during the greater part of the day, but about 4 o'clock in the afternoon a violent thunderstorm swept across the ground, which completely marred the proceedings, the paddock and weighing enclosure being ankle deep in water. The presidential chair was filled throughout by His Excellency Lord Chelmsford and Captain Bumaresq, A.D.C., and the usual picnic parties were in evidence. The number of visitors from outside the district were not as numerous as previous occasions, but the scratching pen was freely used, ten horses being scratched for all engagements, thus leaving small fields to face the barrier. The win of Mr. Cordeaux in the Bong Bong Cup, which was his fourth, was loudly popular, the cheering lasting till after Thalmous had returned to the scale.

Trial Stakes, of—8 sovs. T. J. and J. F. M'Carthy's Patcher, by Patch, 4yrs, 10st 12lb (Mr. F. Bowling), 1; Mr. F. G. White's Neaton, 10st 4lb, (Mr. K. Austin), 2; Mr. H. C. Osborne's Pusetta, 10st 2lb (Mr. R. G. Faithfull), 3. Betting: 5 to 1 on Patcher, 2 to 1 v Pusetta, 5 to 1 v Neaton. Won easily. Pusetta was left at the post. Time, 1m 22⅘s.

Kater Plate, 7f.—Mr. Chas. Massey's Yaw, walk over.

BONG BONG CUP, 1½m.

Mr. A. E. Cordeaux's Thalmous, by Mosqueton (imp.)—Thalia, 4 yrs., 10st 11lb (Mr. K. Austin), 1.

Mr. Gerald Massy's Gunning, 11st 7lb (Mr. J. Kin), 2.

Mr. Bert Bott's Gundaroo Girl, 10st 4lb (Mr. R. G. Faithfull), 3. Betting: 4 to 1 against Thalmous, 3 to 1 v Neaton, 20 to 1 v Pusetta. This event was run during a heavy thunderstorm. It was a good race, and won by two lengths. Time, 1m 22⅘s.

Hack Race, 1m.—Mr. Gerald Massy's Gundaroo Girl, by Spirit—Riviera, aged, 11lb (Mr. Dowling), 1; Messrs. T. J. and J. F. M'Carthy's Patcher, 11st 12lb, 10c. 14lb penalty (Mr. F. Dowling), 2. Only starters. Betting: 3 to 1 on Patcher, 2 to 1 v Gundaroo Girl. Won easily.

Ladies' Race (selected, 1m.—Mr. R. M. Osborne's Dust (Mr. Orvil (imp.)—Rissolet, 9st 13lb (Mr. F. L. Bowling), 1; Mr. Gerald Massy's Chiromantist, 11st 2lb (Mr. King), 2. Only starters. Betting: 4 to 1 against Dust. A good race. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 54s.

SOLARA—DUNEDOO AMATEUR TURF CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

MUSORA WINS TURF CLUB HANDICAP.

MUDGEE, Thursday.

The annual race meeting of the Solara-Dunedoo Amateur Turf Club was held at Dunedoo yesterday, before a good attendance. Mr. F. W. Hogan, the W.D.H.A. stipendiary steward, was present. Results:—

Open Handicap, second horse 2 sovs from the prize, of.—M. T. Armstrong's La Bona, 9st 12lb (Mr. M'Mahon), 1; Mr. J. R. Atkinson's Lou Mac, 10st 6lb (Mr. M'Callum), 2. Other starters: Bardwell, Quixtic, Lady Warpaint. Betting: 6 to 4 v La Bona, 3 to 1 v Lou Mac, 5 to 10 to 1 v the others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 18s. A protest was entered by Mr. M'Callum, the rider of Lou Mac, against La Bona for interference, but the objection was dismissed.

Hack Race of 5 sovs, second horse 1 sov from the prize, of.—Mr. J. Gibbs' Late Hours, 9st 10lb (Mr. Ryan), 1; Mr. J. Riell's Mascot, 10st 4lb (Mr. J. Quinn), 2. Nine other starters. Betting: 2 to 1 v Master Mouth, 10 to 1 v Late Hours. Won eas

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Candidates who intend contesting the Electorate are hereby requested to forward their names in writing to the Electorate Secretary on or before January 25th, 1913.
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Yass, January 15th, 1913.

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